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The Editor's Page

State Associations Urged to Send Representatives to NAD Convention

Because of advancement of the NAD towards realization of its hopes for establishing a permanent home office, the counsel of the presidents of all state associations of the deaf, or their representatives, is sought at the 1952 convention, to be held in Austin, Texas, June 30 to July 1.

In view of the importance of measures to be placed before the convention at Austin, President Burnes has sent letters to presidents of most of the state associations, urging them to be present. At this writing a few of the state presidents have not been located, so the letter is being copied here. State presidents who have not heard from President Burnes are asked to reply, informing him as to whether or not they will attend the convention.

Dear Mr. President:

I write this to ask that you make plans to attend the NAD convention at Austin, Texas, June 30 to July 6, or if you are unable to attend, that you send a qualified representative to represent your State Association at the convention.

Important measures will come up at this convention and I deem it essential that we have the advice and counsel of officials of all our state associations in our deliberations. We hope to be able immediately after the Austin convention to begin actual operation of our Home Office. This will place the NAD in position for the first time in its history to maintain effective relationship with state associations. It will mean that we must work out definite plans satisfactory to the state associations and to the NAD. We must devise adequate means of cooperation between the NAD and the state associations, and we must make some kind of plan whereby the state associations will be properly represented at NAD conventions.

Because of the unprecedented importance of the deliberations at Austin, I fervently hope that you will be present, or that you will send a representative fully qualified to represent your association. It is my opinion that your association should be prepared to pay the expenses of either yourself or your representative, in order to assure the presence of a thoroughly qualified individual.

The state association representatives will be asked to meet with me at a round table conference on Monday, the first day of the convention, and out of this meeting I hope will come a closer, more effective plan of cooperation between the NAD and the state associations, for the greater good of all the deaf.

As soon as you have been able to come to a decision on this matter, I shall appreciate it if you will inform me as to whether or not we may expect you to meet with us in Austin. If you decide to send someone else as representative, please let me have his or her name.

(Signed): B. B. Burnes, President,
748 - 60th Street,
Oakland 9, California.

Hoy Boosted for Hall of Fame

It will be remembered by readers who attended the Cleveland NAD convention that a motion was made calling for an effort to have William E. Hoy and Luther ("Dummy") Taylor elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, at Cooperstown, New York.

In an effort to carry out this resolution, NAD officials decided first to endeavor to nominate Hoy, inasmuch as he was the first of our two noted big league baseball players. President Burnes of the NAD assigned the task to Ray Grayson, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Being well acquainted with Hoy, and also acquainted with numerous baseball authorities, Grayson seemed best qualified to act on behalf of Hoy.

Mr. Grayson contacted numerous baseball men connected with Hall of Fame nominations, but the outlook appeared none too bright, largely because present-day sports writers, unfamiliar with Hoy's brilliant baseball record, were not likely to place his name in nomination.

In the meantime, in order to pay Mr. Hoy some of the honors long due him, the NAD presented him with a framed certificate attesting to his record on the baseball field and the admiration held for him by all the deaf. A cut of this testimonial certificate appeared in the December, 1951, SILENT WORKER.

Mr. Grayson continued with his efforts to gain proper recognition for Mr. Hoy, and his work came to the attention of W. R. Schroeder, director of the Helms Athletic Foundation, in Los Angeles. Mr. Schroeder was very much interested in seeing Hoy's name in the Hall of Fame. He wrote to Art Kruger, sports editor of THE SILENT WORKER and secretary of the AAAD, offering his help. Through Mr. Kruger, Mr. Schroeder was put in contact with NAD officials and Mr. Grayson. He asked for a copy of the testimonial certificate for placing in the baseball section of Helms Hall. One of the original photographs of the cut which appeared in THE SILENT WORKER was ordered sent to him by the president of the NAD and it now has a permanent place in Helms Hall.

Mr. Hoy also sent Schroeder his Cincinnati Reds' uniform which he wore in 1894, and it has been placed beside the scroll.

Mr. Schroeder has been cooperating with Mr. Grayson in the effort to have Mr. Hoy named to the Hall of Fame, and all are hoping that he will be among those included when nominations are made next year.

(Ed. Note—After the above was

written and as THE SILENT WORKER was about to go to press, word came from Ray Grayson that a photograph of the testimonial scroll presented to Mr. Hoy by the NAD had been accepted by the Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, N. Y., where it now hangs on the third floor. We shall have more about this later.)

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By Bernard Teitelbaum

OUT AT 203 SOUTH OAKLAND AVENUE in Carbondale, Illinois, stands the house that Walter built. It is a 5-room and 2 baths, Ranch Type bungalow built over a concrete cellar. Except for the excavation for the cellar, every phase of the work was done single-handed by Walter himself, including the laying of the heavy, unwieldy floor joists, which he did by a rather complicated method. He also installed the plumbing, wiring and heating systems.

Walter, as he is better known to his intimates, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born John Walter Stull in Johnstown on May 17, 1918. All told, there were four boys and one girl in the family.

Walter's earliest recollections go back to the time he was two years of age when the family home burned down. Walter vaguely remembers a treadle sewing machine as one of the prized possessions of the family and, at the time of the fire, being unable to comprehend the flames around it.

Walter's father had been for many years a railroad engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad and frequently took the family to the top of a bluff to watch the trains go by and to inculcate in his brood the fond regard for railroading that was in his own blood. One day they saw what Walter has always since considered a rare sight—a string of about 150 locomotives made up as a train, shipped by the Baldwin Locomotive Company for delivery to various points along the road.

Walter spent four years in the public schools in Johnstown, advancing to the fourth grade before misfortune struck him down. A virulent epidemic of spinal meningitis was then raging locally and claimed Walter as one of its victims.

Walter remembers playing normally one day soon after his ninth birthday and having gone to bed at the usual time. Suddenly he dreamed he was deliriously thirsty and his dream was permeated with visions of bubbling springs and gushing faucets, just out of reach.

The next day the ambulance was called and Walter distinctly recollects representing the curiosity of the neighboring kids, attracted by the unusual sight of an ambulance. Then Walter blacked out again.

When finally he emerged from his coma, he had been out a month. Four more weeks of convalescence in the hospital followed. Standard treatment then current was to spread-eagle, hog-tie meningitis patients to their beds to con-

serve their strength, tap the spine daily to remove spinal fluid and administer oxygen. Little Walter dreaded the spine tapping—it HURT! A shortage of equipment in the hospital compelled the use of tin funnels instead of a tent in administering the oxygen to Walter and he has since associated tin funnels with oxygen tanks.

Even at the tender age of nine Walter knew he was fortunate. He was deeply impressed by the frequency with which screens were drawn around other little patients in the ward and sheet-draped bodies wheeled out.

During these four weeks of convalescence Walter was confronted with a new fact of life. When nurses addressed him, he discovered he could not hear them and it was some time before he realized that it wasn't the nurses who had lost their voices but he who had lost his hearing.

Five more weeks of convalescence followed at home during the summer vacation and in the fall Walter returned to public school where he remained until he graduated from the eighth grade in June 1929.

Walter might have gone on to high school that fall had fate not again taken a hand in his affairs.

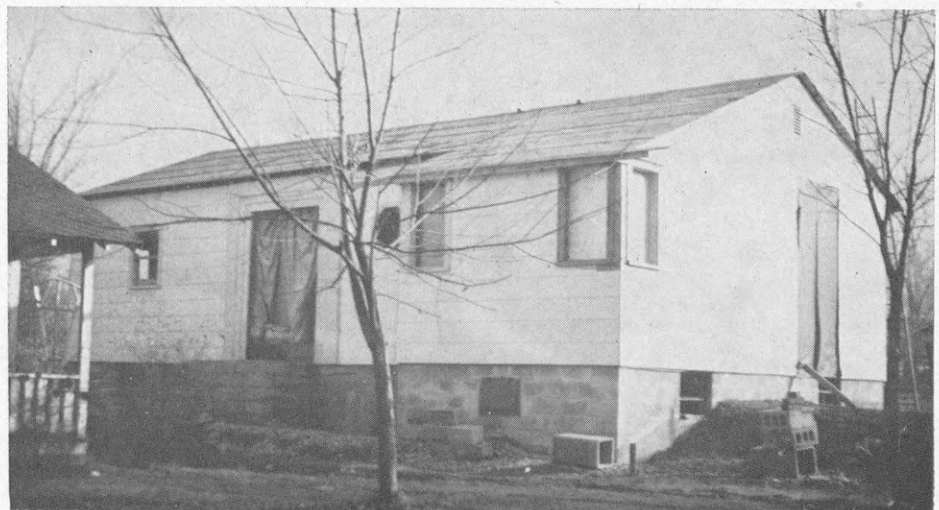
At the repeated urgings of his mother, Walter's father had resigned his position as locomotive engineer because of the then inherent dangers in the job. For several years afterwards he was in partnership with another man in the building contracting trade. The building trade, however, was one of the first to feel the approaching economic and technological stagnation which was to become the great depression. The housing shortage of the war years had grown into a housing boom and suddenly had become a glut. Activity fell off very sharply.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN WALTER STULL

The growing family had lived in rented quarters since the fire. Mr. Stull decided to build a home, putting to better use the few days each week when there was no other work to do. In his anxiety to push the project as fast as possible, he often worked all day and far into the night. He thus overdid it, contracting an illness which resulted in peritonitis, causing his death in 1928.

The great depression of 1929 wiped out the remaining family savings left after the death of Walter's father, his mother was left with five minor children to support. Social welfare agencies stepped in and split up the family. Walter's brothers and sisters were placed in a children's home, and Walter was sent to the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in the fall of 1930, at the age of 11.



Right: The house Walter built. For a look at the building progress, see next page.

In an effort to place him properly in the school set-up, and because of his extreme youth and physically small size, he was first placed in a class where the chronological ages of the children and their physical build more nearly approached his. It was quickly discovered that Walter was miscast in that group and in four days, he was advanced to the fifth grade, where he remained the rest of the year. The following year he skipped two grades and went on to the eighth grade. In one more year, at the age of fourteen, he graduated from the school, the youngest pupil ever to graduate there.

Walter's life at the Western Pennsylvania School wasn't very happy. He was always at the head of his class, except in mathematics, and this did not endear him with his classmates. Unable to adjust himself to institutional life he became an outcast and in consequence, an introvert. He turned to books to relieve his loneliness and became quite a "book-worm." Walter still reads four to six books a week.

During this period of difficulty, Walter remembers with gratitude the two deaf teachers there who, by their constant interest, unflagging encouragement and unending help with his problems, helped to inspire him and make life more bearable. One was Mrs. Doris Erb, presently of Buffalo, N. Y. She was his science teacher and he constantly bothered her with questions and problems he brought in. It must have been from her that he acquired the propensity for investigating and verifying things.

Once he was reading on aviation. The urge came to construct paper airplanes, each varying slightly from the other in size and design. For identification Walter numbered these and with a sheet of paper containing corresponding numbers, he took his fleet of planes up to the second floor of the main building where he was observed launching them from an open window, one by one, and recording on his "flight sheet" the resulting flight and landing of each plane. He

later retrieved his planes and by consulting his chart, determined which planes had performed the best and were therefore the ones to be given further attention. The bad ones he discarded.

Before leaving Edgewood, Walter took the customary Gallaudet College Entrance Examinations with the rest of his class but made no effort to pass them. He had previously determined to enter the Johnstown High School, which he did in the fall of 1933. Because of his unhappy experience with deaf children at Edgewood, he made no effort to contact local deaf acquaintances during his high school days.

In high school Walter took the regular academic courses for college entrance.

How did he get along in classes with boys and girls with normal hearing? Did he get much instruction direct from the instructors?

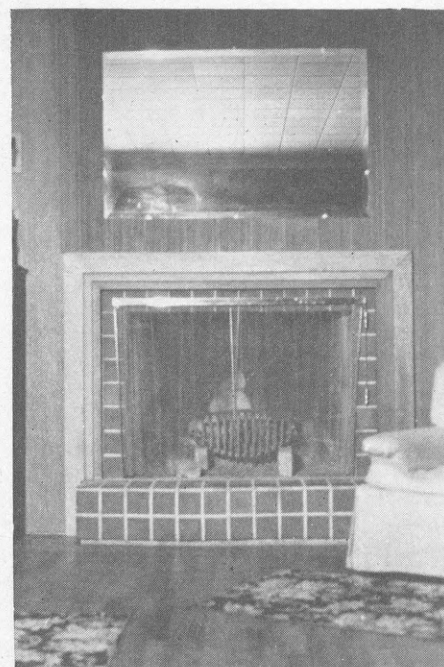
Walter states that he got along very well with his classmates and was happy during his high school days. However, he got no assistance directly from the instructors. His main reliance was the textbook and the mimeographed weekly assignments. Some instructors made a special dispensation permitting Walter to study textbooks during recitation periods.

Walter takes pride in the grades he accumulated. In his two years in high school, his lowest grades were two B's. All the rest were A's. This landed him in the third highest ranking group upon graduation and he graduated with high honors, in 1935.

After leaving high school, Walter worked around Johnstown in various capacities.

The Rehabilitation Division for the Deaf of Pennsylvania became interested in Walter around this time and, on the basis of his high school record, obtained for him a scholarship entitling him to enter any college in Pennsylvania.

In high school Walter had become interested in Printing and had learned that the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh was the only college in the



Fireplace in the commodious living room of the house that Walter built.

country offering degrees in printing. He therefore made application for entrance to the CIT and was admitted on the basis of his transcript from high school, without examination.

At the time of Walter's admission to CIT, the fact of his deafness was unknown to the administration. This fact was discovered during registration period and demand was promptly made for the surrender of the registration permit. Walter firmly declined to surrender it, pointing out that it was a formal agreement in the registrar's handwriting and therefore valid and binding upon the administration. A protracted argument ensued but Walter obstinately stood his ground and he was finally permitted to complete his registration. He started classes a month late.

However, because of doubts as to the ability of a deaf student to make the grade in lecture classes, he was confined to laboratory or non-lecture courses. In an effort to flunk him out, he was required to take senior courses—in his Freshman year.

The thoroughness and perspicacity demonstrated in the airplane incident at Edgewood stood Walter in good stead and permitted him to earn good grades. After a year, he was grudgingly allowed to do regular undergraduate work, including the lecture courses.

During his first year and a half at "Tech," Walter commuted between Tech and the Western Penna. School but spent the remaining 2½ years in the dormitories and fraternity houses at Tech.



Left: Walter Stull at work on the house shown on the preceding page.

Walter was invited to join the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a social fraternity, during his stay at Tech. He was also initiated by Pi Delta Upsilon, National Journalistic Honorary, and Alpha Pi Omega Honorary. He served as junior editor on the "Tartan," campus newspaper, and as publicity manager of the *Technical Magazine*. He also won two prizes in literary competition in *The Bard*, annual literary publication.

Walter got through his assignments at Tech through a combination of eternal scrounging in the textbooks and the libraries and through deductive and inductive reasoning. He remembers with some pleasure that his fellow-students were forever badgering him for a chance to consult his notes.

A combination of financial circumstances during the last semester of his last year prevented Walter from completing the course and taking his degree. This he did in 1947, getting his Bachelor of Science in the College of Engineering.

Walter moved to Chicago, where he was employed by the Hall Printing Co. in 1941.

Without an International Typographical Union card, Walter was unable to get into the composing room. He was likewise refused an apprenticeship on the ground that the firm's full quota of apprentices was then in uniform in the service of the country and would be returning shortly and the union was unwilling to have conflicting claims in the composing room.

Hall printing therefore first hired Walter as timekeeper in the composing room. In rapid succession he rose to estimator, then production expeditor and finally to night production manager.

Seniority, rather than position, determined salary rates at Hall and since Walter's rise was meteoric, the salary was not commensurate with the responsibilities he had assumed.

Also, at the time of his appointment as night production manager, Walter was promised a rotation of three months night work and a like period of day work. After three months of day work, he spent the next eighteen months on the night turn with little or no prospects of returning to day work.

The labor situation in Chicago was then bad and frustrated Walter's desire to transfer to the day turn.

On August 30, 1943, Walter married Marjorie Womble Andrews, a hearing girl he had met at the Western Pennsylvania School while she was taking the Normal Training Course. At the time of her marriage to Walter she was living with her widowed mother in Carbondale, where she is still employed as librarian at Southern Illinois University.

Discouraged by the poor prospects in Chicago, Walter moved to Carbondale to be with "Marg." He secured employ-

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Children of the Deaf . . .

A Coming Educator

Aaron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Seandel (deaf), of Los Angeles, is a graduate of San Jose State College (San Jose, California), and this year he is back at the college for graduate work. He majored in education, obtaining a General Elementary Credential. He hopes to enter administrative work (principal, superintendent) and eventually teach on the college level.

Aaron has had some practice in teaching on the college level, and how well he disported himself is illustrated by the letter the teacher in charge was moved to write to his parents: "Even though we have not met, I cannot resist writing to congratulate you upon the splendid job you have done in raising your fine son, Aaron . . . He seems to have everything—intelligence, good manners, sensitivity, dignity, humor. Best of all, in spite of his brilliance, he is modest and not a show-off."

"Yesterday, in spite of being only 25, he lectured like a veteran college professor before 189 adults in three classes, and covered himself with compliments and glory. This is the first time in many years of teaching that I have entrusted my classes to a student, but I knew I could trust him to acquit himself brilliantly and he did. He really has more than it takes to be an educational leader, and his success in the profession is assured." Signed—(Mrs.) Lillian Gray. (Mrs. Gray is a national authority on the teaching of reading to teacher candidates, who in turn teach children how to read. She is a co-author of the California State Series in Reading, and at present, an Associate Professor of Education at San Jose State College.—Ed.)

Before matriculating at San Jose Aaron attended Los Angeles City College and played basketball for three years. For his prowess on the court he won Helms Athletic Association's Award of Merit. He also did brilliantly on the San Jose court. He served in the Navy during World War II.

For four summers, Aaron served as a soda jerk in the Camp Curry Grill at Yosemite, in God's Country, absorbing outdoor air and nature lore, which incidentally helped round him out physically, mentally and spiritually. One day early last August, Aaron was out swimming and lay down on the sand to dry. Suddenly he heard his name called, and he heard that he was wanted at the park hospital immediately. Having no time to dress, he raced to the hospital in his swimming trunks and sweat shirt and barefooted. There he found a deaf man in throes of agonizing pain and the doctor trying to understand him. Aaron talked to the man in signs, and



AARON NORMAN SEANDEL

immediately the man lighted up, and told him the trouble. The doctor diagnosed it as acute appendicitis and called for immediate operation. One of the aides dismissed Aaron, but the doctor called him back to accompany him into the operating room and to stay there until the end of the operation, with the white uniform over his swimming outfit. With a local freeze the doctor worked on while Aaron stood by the deaf patient and kept the doctor posted as to how the man felt.

Aaron learned the patient was William Swaim, living in the locality. Later he had a letter from the Yosemite Park Forester Emil F. Ernst, thanking him for assistance in Mr. Swaim's case, saying that there was "no doubt that having someone available to converse with him, aided the hospital in caring for him, and eased his mind during his time of stress."

Very naturally, Mr. and Mrs. Seandel revel in their son and have reflected glory in his success. Their years of love and care of their son are paying handsome dividends.

Recently the mother underwent an operation and wouldn't let Aaron know until all was over. Then came a bouquet of gladioli from the same Mrs. Gray with a note: "You were a typically sweet mother to save your son from worry by withholding your news until the operation. He felt terrible that he hadn't known anything. My best wishes for your prompt recovery."

Suggesting another possible great interest in his life, Aaron has sent in his application for Ranger in Yosemite National Park for next summer.

All who know Julius and Sarah Seandel take off their hats to them and acclaim them as typical parents of fine normal children making them into great useful citizens in this great land of ours.

John D. Moran . . .

HEADPRICER FOR LOCKS AND KEYS

By Arlene Stecker

WHEN WE HEAR of a person holding a responsible job as a headpricer, we hardly show any interest, but when he turns out to be a deaf person, we sit up and take notice. It's certainly news! Such a person is John D. Moran of Bloomfield, Connecticut. He has held the position, first as assistant headpricer and later headpricer, for thirty-three years of the Invoice Department of the Corbin Lock Co. of the American Hardware Corp. in New Britain. He has been awarded for his twenty-five years with the company a handsome service pin which has a tiny padlock raised on it.

Mr. Moran's responsibility as headpricer is to jot down on all invoices that come his way from the Order Department, prices, discounts, and special features of all kinds of keys and locks manufactured in his plant. They include key blanks, cut keys, apartment and mail box keys, cabinet and parking meter locks, padlocks, trunk and suitcase locks, and semanese locks.

For seventeen years before comptometer machines came into existence and were put to use in his office, Moran figured out every single item on the invoice sheets, in addition to taking care of the prices and discounts. For many years now, a girl comptometer handles this kind of work, leaving Moran more time to do pricing, which in turn, makes more sales per day for the company.

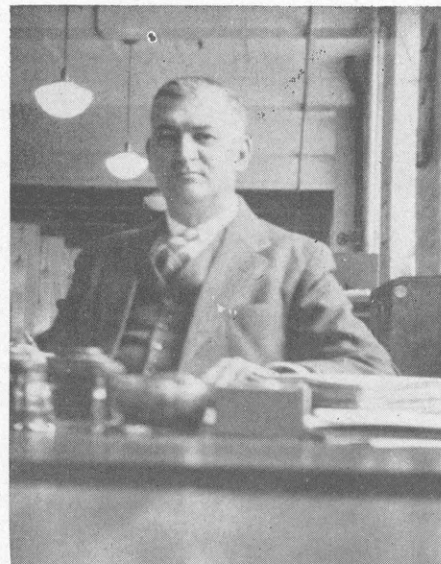
Frequently, an office worker from another department, wishing to look up some very old sales copies, goes to Moran's office to inquire. Moran is sure to have them still and the day is invariably saved!

To show how Moran is heavily depended on in a place which employs 800 persons, last year when he was suddenly taken ill and absent from work for several weeks, the office routine was badly disrupted. It wasn't until after he returned that the office was again running smoothly. His kind of work requires expert handling.

In the first early days when Moran was starting out at the Corbin Lock Co. as assistant headpricer, his boss was Arthur Ames, headpricer. Their desks were side by side and Mr. Ames would teach Moran the office work while Moran would teach him the manual alphabet. They eventually became good friends. Throughout the years Moran would watch with fatherly interest Ames' daughter, Margaret, who often visited her father in his office. After her graduation from college, she taught at the American School for the Deaf, where she still is, after twenty years. We wonder if Moran was not the chief influence on Margaret Ames' decision to become a teacher of the deaf.

After Mr. Ames' death several years later, Moran was chosen to fill the vacancy as headpricer. Today in his office there are five workers who are more or less under him.

Mr. Moran became totally deaf at the age of four from spinal meningitis, and his school days were spent at the Old Hartford School from which he graduated in 1907. His first job was with his father who was a contractor and builder. After two years of this, he decided to go out on his own and try his luck at something different; the result was a scalemaker's job with Landeau, Frary and Clark Co., which he held for nine



JOHN D. MORAN

years. Then one day, again desiring something better, he left and secured the aforementioned job at the Corbin Lock Co.

Recalling with amusement, Moran says the first question asked of him by the boss when he applied for a job at the Corbin Lock Co. was "Can you do arithmetic?" Although startled by such a question, he managed, after answering yes, to suggest tactfully that the boss try him by testing him with an arithmetic problem. The boss said "okay" and handed him a sheet of paper on which he'd just scribbled a problem. After a few minutes Moran handed back the solved problem. Though the answer was correct, the boss told him he did it the long way and proceeded to show him a shorter method. Then he told Moran he'd call him when he needed him. True to his word, he notified Moran two days later to report for work two weeks later, and Moran has been with the company these 33 years.

Mr. Moran has been very active in the affairs of the deaf, having held numerous offices ranging from president of the NEGA to president of the NFSD Division. He's always been a sports enthusiast and during his student days at the Old Hartford School, he helped organize the first student basketball team and after his graduation, the first Connecticut Silent Five basketball team. Mr. Moran and his wife, the former Caroline Cox, also a graduate of the Old Hartford School, live in a comfortable eight-room house in Bloomfield, which was built many years ago by Moran and the help of a carpenter. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Left: At home, Mr. and Mrs. Moran surrounded by their five grandchildren. The big doll was a Christmas gift for the only granddaughter.



Schools for the Deaf

R. K. Holcomb

The Tennessee School

THE TENNESSEE SCHOOL for the Deaf was the eighth school of its type to be established in the United States and now according to the American Annals of the Deaf, it ranks seventh in size among the seventy-four public residential schools for the deaf.

The movement toward the establishment of the Tennessee School for the Deaf commenced in December, 1843, when General John Cocke, a Senator from Grainger County, left his sick bed to go to the General Assembly in Nashville to plead for an appropriation of two thousand dollars to establish a school for the deaf. The measure was finally passed as an amendment to the bill establishing a school for the blind. The amount requested had been reduced to one thousand dollars. In the spring of 1844 the Governor appointed a Board which met on July 27, to determine the first steps toward the establishment of the school. The Board wrote to the American Asylum in Hartford, Connecticut, to the New York Institution, and to other established schools for the deaf to determine the steps necessary for the proper organization of the school. They, also, sent a circular letter to the people of Tennessee requesting information regarding the number of deaf children of school age throughout the State.

After a great deal of thought and study the Board employed Rev. Thomas MacIntire, a highly recommended teacher from the Ohio School for the Deaf, as first principal and teacher. Mr. MacIntire suggested that a young deaf man from the Ohio School be employed as an assistant teacher, thus, Mr. Charles Myers, an outstanding young deaf man, became the first regular teacher in the Tennessee School for the Deaf. The School is very fortunate to possess a photograph and a number of original

letters written by Mr. Myers while he was a teacher at the School. These letters preserved by members of his family and presented to the School give an excellent account of the early days of the School, the pupils, and an insight into the Knoxville Community of the day.

School opened on the first Monday of June, 1845. It was located in a large rented frame house in East Knoxville. However, the School closed on February 16, 1846, because of insufficient funds and because the building which had been rented was no longer available. On June 8, 1846, Calvin Morgan of Knoxville, gave the School two acres of land situated just west of the center of town. Funds were solicited to aid in the building program and in the spring of 1848, the main building was begun. The cornerstone to the Main Building was laid on May 13, 1848, amid great fan-fare. An account of the proceedings is given in one of the Charles W. Myers' letters, and also in the newspapers of the day.

According to these accounts, the ceremonies were preceded by a parade. The procession was led by the Knoxville Brass Band and moved in the following order to the site where the cornerstone was to be laid, —

- Mt. Libanus Lodge of Free Masons
- Clergy
- Trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Institution
- Teachers
- Pupils
- East Tennessee Division of the Sons of Temperance
- University Division
- Trustees of East Tennessee University
- President and Faculty
- Students
- Young Men's Literary Society



William J. McClure, above, became Superintendent of the Tennessee School this year. He had been Assistant Superintendent since 1950. A member of a family of noted educators of the deaf, Mr. McClure graduated from Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., and received M.A. Degrees from Gallaudet College and George Washington University. Before going to Tennessee, he as Principal of the Kendall School, Washington, D.C., and Director of the Teacher Training Department at Gallaudet College.

Mayor and Aldermen of Knoxville Citizens.

The principal address of the day was given by the Rev. Thomas W. Humes, later president of East Tennessee University.

Among the articles placed within the Cornerstone were:

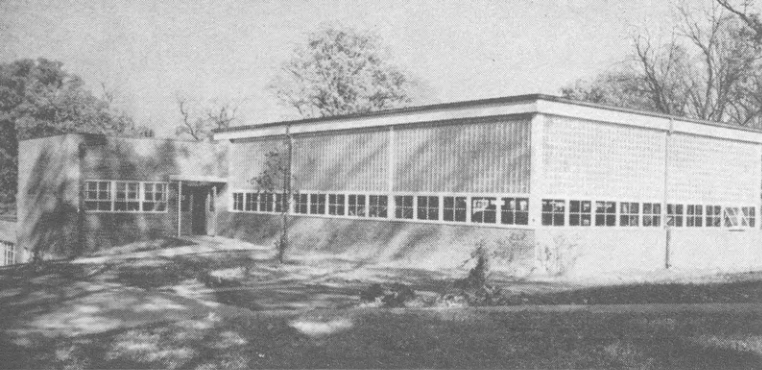
A metallic plate bearing the inscription: "Tennessee Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, founded, 1844. This cornerstone was laid by Mt. Libanus Lodge Number 59 of Free Masons, May 13, A.D. 1848."

A copy of the Charter and Laws for the establishment and regulation of the Tennessee Institution for the Deaf and Dumb;

First and Second Biennial Reports of the Institution to the Legislature;

Aerial view of the Tennessee School for the Deaf, at Knoxville. Numbered buildings are named in the accompanying article.





Above are shown two of the buildings at the Tennessee School. Left, Girls' Vocational Building and Practice House for Senior Girls. Right, the print shop in the Boys' Vocational Building.

Constitution of the Grand Masonic Lodge of the State of Tennessee;

By-Laws of Mt. Libanus Lodge, No. 59;

Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of the East Tennessee Division of the Sons of Temperance;

Various American Coins;

An Almanac for the year 1848;

A copy of an address delivered on February 10th, 1842, at the celebration of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Settlement of Knoxville, by the Rev. Thomas W. Humes;

A copy of each of the four newspapers of Knoxville.

When the School moved to its new location in 1924 the City of Knoxville purchased the old buildings for the City Hall. Although the main building was one hundred years old in 1951, it still serves as the City Hall and is in excellent condition. It contains the Mayor's offices for other City Administrative Officials.

In 1950, through the efforts of Mr. Lee B. Head, an alumnus of the Tennessee School for the Deaf, the cornerstone of the old main building was located with the help of the City Engineer. Through the courtesy of the Mayor of the City of Knoxville, the School for the Deaf was then allowed to remove the cornerstone and its contents to the present campus of the School for the Deaf. On the Saturday following Thanksgiving, Mayor Elmore on behalf of the City of Knoxville presented the cornerstone and its contents to Governor Gordon L. Browning at a ceremony held in the school auditorium.

The contents of the cornerstone when identified corresponded very closely to

the account given in Mr. Myers' letters and in the newspapers of May, 1848. The papers have been preserved and processed through the courtesy of Senator Estes Kefauver and are now on display in the main corridor of the School along with the coins, a glass bottle photostatic copies of the newspapers of 1848, pictures of the ceremonies attendant to the opening of the cornerstone, and the Charles W. Myers' letters which have been preserved. The whole makes an attractive display in a case built and donated by the Junior Lions Club of the School.

The School continued to grow and prosper until June 19, 1861, when it was deemed necessary to close and to send the pupils to their homes because of the unsettled conditions attendant to the Civil War. Soon afterwards the State took possession of the property for a military hospital. All perishable and movable articles were sold. The buildings were used by the Confederate forces until September 3, 1863, at which time General Burnside with an army of twenty thousand men arrived in Knoxville. The Northern Army occupied the plant from that time until September 1, 1865, when it was vacated and the Trustees of the School again took charge.

School buildings and property were in a deplorable condition. Furniture, library, shrubbery, school equipment and some of the outbuildings and trees had all been destroyed. In many places breastworks thrown up as defense measures had been left as they were when the army evacuated. The roof showed evidence of having been hit by cannon balls in several places. The dining room

had been used as a hospital and later as a stable for horses. The task of rebuilding and re-equipping the School was a tremendous one.

The School was fortunate to secure a man of great ability and tremendous energy to direct the path of reconstruction and rebuilding. In October, 1866, Mr. J. H. Ijams from Iowa, a teacher in the National Deaf-Mute College (Gallaudet College) in Washington, D.C. was elected principal of the School. He was a young man of very high professional qualifications and character, possessed of tremendous energy and ability.

When Mr. Ijams died in 1882, many changes and improvements had taken place. The School had grown materially in buildings, personnel, and in achievement under his direction. Mr. Ijams had commenced classes for articulation. He had opened up a mechanical or vocational department and in 1876, had commenced printing a little one-page paper called the "Silent Observer." This paper has developed into a much larger paper of eight pages and is still published every month during the school term by the students of the printing department under the name of "The Tennessee Observer."

Mr. Ijams was succeeded by another capable superintendent, Mr. Thomas L. Moses, whose term lasted from 1882 until his death in 1917.

The period of greatest growth and expansion for the School was during the administration of Mrs. Harry T. Poore, superintendent from 1921 until 1951. During this period the School was changed from the "Deaf and Dumb Asylum" under the Board of Institu-

Below, at left, a clothing and dressmaking class at the Tennessee School. Right, boys learn the printing trade in this well equipped shop. The printing instructor is Uriel C. Jones, M.A., who is also principal of the Vocational Department.





At left, above is another view of the Boys' Vocational Building, showing the entire building. Right, new Hospital Building. Buildings and grounds at the School are valued at \$1,725,500.

tions to The Tennessee School for the Deaf under the State Board of Education—through Mrs. Poore's efforts at educating the public. Under Mrs. Poore's wise guidance and leadership the School enjoyed a period of growth and improvement equaled by no other school for the deaf in modern times. When Mrs. Poore became superintendent, the School was located in dingy, obsolete buildings crowded on to a campus surrounded by an industrial area of the city, railroad tracks, and busy intersections. By 1924, Mrs. Poore had moved the School to a large attractive campus adjacent to one of the attractive suburban areas of the city. The ensuing years saw the buildings grow and expand as if by magic. The buildings on the campus now include:

1. A large administration building which includes offices for the superintendent, secretary, bookkeeper, principal, principal's secretary, supervising teachers, a large and attractive auditorium, adequate and well lighted classrooms, living quarters for a few janitorial personnel, and in the basement storerooms and refrigeration rooms for which supplies are issued to the various school kitchens and dining rooms.
2. A dormitory for larger boys.
3. A paint and equipment shop.
4. A large, well-planned gymnasium which contains two regulation size swimming pools—one for boys and one for girls, as well as basketball courts, tumbling rooms, dressing rooms, etc.
5. A dormitory for intermediate boys.
6. A residence for the superintendent.
7. A dormitory for small girls.
8. A dormitory for large girls.
9. A girls vocational building con-

taining the most modern facilities for instruction in foods and nutrition, clothing and laundering, arts and crafts, business practice, and cosmetology.

10. A practice house for the Senior Girls to occupy during their last year of school.

11. A primary unit which contains dormitories, classrooms, dining room, recreational and play space for all primary children.

12. A modern and attractive twenty-eight bed hospital including quarters for a nurse, assistant nurse, an operating room, a dental room, as well as a modern and up-to-date kitchen.

13. A boys vocational building containing shops for modern instruction in printing and graphic arts, offset printing, shoe repairing, arts and crafts, metal working, wood-working, auto mechanics, and painting. In addition the building also contains a large multipurpose assembly room which can be used for the projection of movies in connection with vocational instruction, for meetings of various nature, and for a library or reading room for the boys taking vocational subjects.

14. A laundry and power house building.

15. A large utility building used for garage and storage space.

16. A dairy barn.

There are also cottages on the campus for the use of cooks, firemen, and other personnel whose duties require that they live on the place.

The School has a fine herd of Jersey cows which assures an ever abundant supply of wholesome nutritious milk.

Every effort is made to provide each child with the useful tools of speech

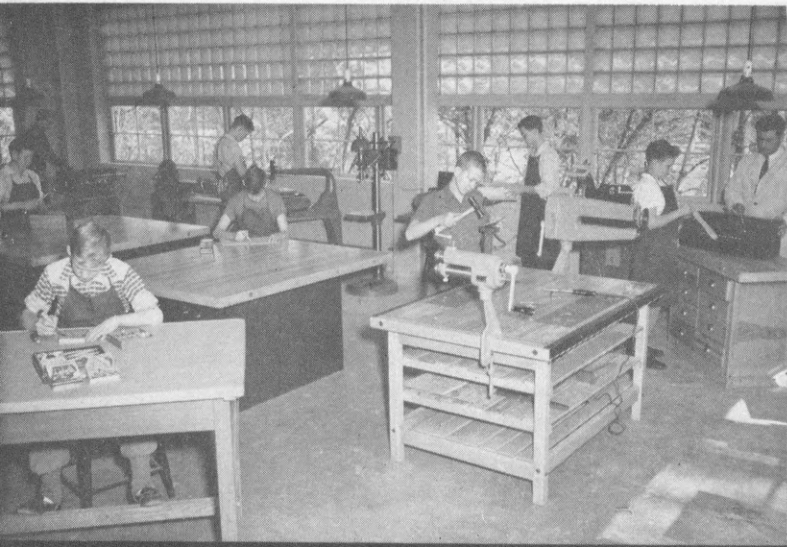
and lipreading. An attempt is made to utilize and to develop all residual hearing. The School possesses some thirty to thirty-five group hearing aids and replaces some of these each year with newer and more powerful models. The School is fortunate to have a loyal and capable group of teachers who have shown their professional spirit by holding 100% membership in the following organizations: East Tennessee Education Association; Tennessee Education Association; National Education Association; International Council for Exceptional Children; The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf and the Volta Speech Association, a record equalled by but few schools.

Since not all children make satisfactory progress through the exclusive use of speech and lipreading, the upper school is divided into an oral and non-oral department. Children who have clearly indicated their lack of sufficient skill to progress in oral classes are assigned to non-oral classes. Instruction is carried on via the medium of writing and finger-spelling. A number of very capable deaf teachers are employed in this department.

A Junior Lions Club is sponsored by the Knoxville Lions Club. This group has done much to improve school life for other children and has made many material contributions toward the betterment of the School.

In 1930, Boy Scout work was commenced and the Scouting program has ever been an active one. The Knoxville Rotary Club provides most of the funds for the operation of the Scout Troop. They provided the funds for building an attractive and useful scout cabin on

In the pictures below, left, the pre-vocational shop in the Boys' Vocational building, and at right a group of pupils using a chromalizer, a new device for aiding speech development, now in experimental stage.



the grounds. The Girl Scouts are also active.

The School has been quite successful in athletics and is a member of the State High School Athletic Association. The Athletic Association has owned its own bus since 1940, and in January, 1952, purchased a new one to replace the old.

Other organizations which play an active part in the life of the School are the Calvin Morgan Literary Society, the Christian Endeavor, the Samuel Boyd Sewing Society and The Merry Makers, an active girls' club.

Social life and recreation space always at a premium have received a big boost since Christmas. The Rotary Club Committee for the School for the Deaf deserves the credit for this improvement. Under their direction and as a gift from the Committee two large basement rooms have been beautifully decorated and equipped as a Snack Bar and a Recreation Room. Drug store booths, a juke box, ping pong tables, benches, table games and other equipment give the School a fine space to serve as the center of social life for the students.

The Negro Department established in 1881 is located on a separate campus several miles from the main school. There is an enrollment of fifty children. The entire staff including the principal and all teachers are Negroes. The Negro Department operates in a manner parallel to that of the White Department.

The success of the School is evidenced by the status of the deaf in Tennessee and by the number of outstanding graduates. Probably the most outstanding graduate is Thomas S. Marr, noted Southern architect, who designed many civic buildings throughout the South and was the architect of the earlier buildings at the present location of the School. While Mr. Marr is no longer living, the firm Marr and Holman is still one of the most prominent architectural firms in Tennessee.

At the present time enrollment has reached an all time high of 384 pupils. The academic and vocational departments are in good shape as are the new hospital and the primary building although there is need for enlargement of primary space. The biggest need of the School is for more dormitory space as conditions are very crowded.

Before Mrs. Poore retired in November, 1951, she secured an appropriation of one million dollars from the Legislature for building and expansion. To be provided are a new dormitory for older boys; a nursery school unit; an enlarged primary unit; and a completely new Negro School. As this is written we expect State authorities to appoint architects at any time so that the school building program will continue to progress.

From Foreign Lands

By Paul Lange

An international ski tournament of the deaf was to be held at Airola, Switzerland in February. It will be remembered that heavy snow slides causing much damage interfered with holding a tournament at Airola last winter.

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We quote the November, 1951, *Swiss Messenger*:

"What news comes from behind the iron curtain! The federation of Russian deaf recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. This federation has 32,379 members divided into 880 clubs. There are 115 schools with 15,000 pupils, 532 schools for adults and 8 primary schools. Forty-nine clubs of the deaf are devoted to sports and two papers published for the deaf. At Moscow and Leningrad there are two Russian theaters for the deaf conducted by a deaf painter who is a member of the Russian Academy of Arts."

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An item in the November issue of the *Swiss Messenger for the Deaf* states that Admiral Canaris, who was hanged in Ankara, Turkey in 1945 for complicity in an espionage plot against Hitler, had conceived the idea of employing expert deaf lip-readers to read the lips of diplomats in conference at the Popitche restaurant, a swank eating place in Ankara, the capital of Turkey.

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The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf with headquarters at Liege, Belgium, has accepted representatives of two new countries, New Zealand and the Saar and is now considering applications from Austria and Israel. It is planned to hold the next meet at Lausanne, Switzerland in 1953.

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A recent issue of *Le Messager*, a Swiss paper for the deaf, contains an interesting account by its editor, Miss Jean Kunkler, of her visit to the Fanwood School for the Deaf last September.

The Journal "Devosak," the organ of the deaf of Yugoslavia, recently printed a picture of a marble bust of Marshal Tito made by a deaf sculptor of that country named Strekelj.

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The well known Austrian sculptor Gustin Ambrosi was inspired by the Zeppelin of Count Eckener to execute a work which he called "The Fall of Icarus." After frequent urging, Count Eckener finally visited Ambrosi's studio at Graz. In an interview later Eckener said that he considered Ambrosi a great genius with an incredible imagination. Three days after the visit Ambrosi received word of the explosion of the Hindenburg in America.

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The Royal Spanish Academy of Arts has bestowed the medal of Saint Ferdinand upon the deaf artist, Valentine de Zubiaurre. Zubiaurre was received with great acclaim by the members of the academy, composed of the greatest artists of Spain. The works of Valentine de Zubiaurre and his brother Ramon are found in the leading art museums of the world. Many of them have received gold and silver medals.

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The September number of *Dovas Tidskrift*, the official organ of the Swedish Association of the Deaf, tells of the 11th Congress of Swedish Deaf, which was attended by Prof. Edward Scouten of Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C., and Rudolf Hoetzing, a deaf man from Austria. Delegates to the International Congress for the Deaf at Rome Sept. 19 to 23 were appointed in the persons of Goesta Wiberg and Hugo Edenas.

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The Danish Convention of the Deaf at Copenhagen appointed the deaf artist, V. Chris Hansen, the deaf editor of a Danish publication for the deaf, Ole M. Plum, and the principal of one of the Danish schools, Sofus Kjoer, delegates to the Congress in Rome.

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Inspiration

There is inspiration in the Sermon of the Month, Easter Joy, which was contributed by the Reverend Robert P. Collins, new chaplain



WESLEY LAURITSEN

to Catholic Students at the Central New York School for the Deaf in Rome, New York. Quoting Christ's own words, Mr. Collins says, "I have risen, and am still with you."

These words from our Saviour give us comfort on this Easter Day in 1952. From them we get inspiration to rise to serve Him.

Father Collins is comparatively new

Sermon of the Month

EASTER JOY

By the Reverend Robert P. Collins

Chaplain to Catholic Students at Central New York School for the Deaf, Rome.

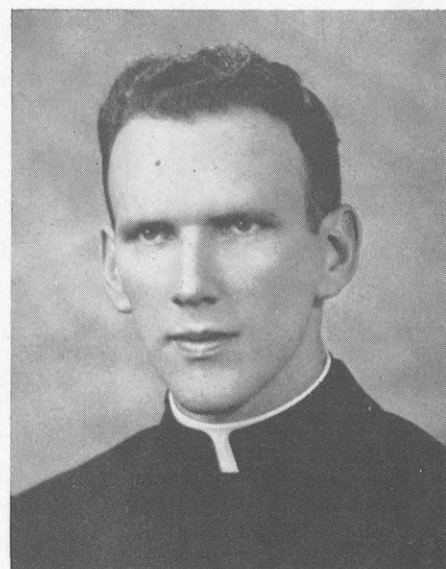
This month, Holy Mother Church celebrates "The Solemnity of Solemnities", the blessed and joyous feast of Easter; the day on which Jesus Christ rose from the dead, glorious and immortal. Nothing in the whole mystery of salvation is so solemn, and at the same time, so replete with joy. Why? Christ Himself tells us in the opening words of the Mass for Easter Sunday; "I have risen, and am still with you." The triumph over death, evil and all the forces of destruction has come about as He foretold, and all that He said and did has been vindicated beyond shadow of a doubt. Saint Paul has declared: "If Christ be not risen again, then is our preaching in vain, and your faith also in vain." (I Cor. XV, 14). But Christ has risen again and because of this miracle, He is really God, and His doctrines, as we know them are divine. Whereas before His religion, His sacraments and all His teachings may have been of man, now we know they are of God.

Briefly, we shall examine two facts surrounding the miracle of the Resurrection. The first fact is: Did Christ really die? The gospel account of the Crucifixion leaves little doubt in our minds. The centurion, seeing Jesus give up the spirit, said: "Truly, he was the Son of God!" (Matt. XXVIII, 54). The thrust of a lance, given by another centurion, would have been enough to extinguish in the dying Saviour the last spark of life. Yet, after the soldiers had received orders from Pilate to break the legs of Jesus, we read: "After they were come to Jesus, when they saw that He

in the work among the deaf. While he was a student at Catholic University, Washington, D. C., he was taught signs by Professor Joseph Youngs, of the Gallaudet College faculty. Father Collins shows his continued interest in the deaf by regular attendance at a class in signs at the Central New York School for the Deaf. He gives the students at the school religious instruction and has Sunday morning Mass for the deaf.

Our Women at Work

In a recent issue we mentioned the important part the Ladies Aid was taking in a number of churches for the deaf. Since then we have noted a number of additional instances in which the dear ladies have been active. One of these is



REV. ROBERT P. COLLINS

at the Antioch Baptist Church for the deaf, at Little Rock, Arkansas. The following report from the church is very interesting:

"Where there is unity there is strength." One small string may be very weak, but several small strings woven into a rope become very strong. So it is with the Lord's workers. When a number are working together in love and unity they can do much for the Lord.

The ladies of Antioch Baptist Church for the Deaf are putting forth a united effort to do more for the Lord. On January 24th, they met and organized our Woman's Auxiliary as they had been authorized to do in the last regular conference of our church. The word "auxiliary" means a helper. The purpose of these women is to help our church and pastor in every way possible to the glory of God. The following business which was transacted in the electing of officers, etc., will be brought before the church for approval on our next conference night.

Name of Auxiliary: Woman's Auxiliary of Antioch Baptist Church for the Deaf.

Motto: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Cor. 10:31.

Theme Song: "Living for Jesus."

The Statement of Principles was adopted as given in the "Manual for Woman's Auxiliaries of Missionary Baptist Churches."

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Lola Edmiston, pres.; Mrs. Ova Lee Benner, vice-pres.; Mrs. Bessie Bivens, treas.; Mrs. Eva Hicks, secy.; Mrs. Zella Mae Jones, Reporter; Mrs. Ruby Walls, Teacher; Mrs. Ona Moore, Local Tract Distributor.

The time for our regular meetings was set for the second and fourth Thursday nights each month.

Our building fund was chosen as a goal for our regular offerings.

"Fifty-Two Doctrinal Lessons" by Dr. Ben M. Bogard was chosen for our study material.

The Lord was pleased to use the service of faithful women while He was here on earth. Their faithful presence even at the cross and at the tomb was well rewarded when the risen Christ allowed them to be the first to tell others of His resurrection. Our women also want to serve Him.

The Brooklyn Protestant Guild of the Deaf

By Edith Allerup Kleberg

This year, on January 28, the Brooklyn Protestant Guild of the Deaf celebrated its 60th anniversary, making it one of the real old-timers among organizations of the deaf.

The Guild had its beginning on January 7, 1892, at a meeting of seven men who desired an organization for the promotion of religious and welfare work. The seven men thought they were too few to hold an election, but the Reverend Anson T. Colt, who became chaplain, argued that seven were good enough, so the meeting got under way with an election of officers.

One of the seven founders of the Guild was Archibald MacLaren who, now 86 years young, is the only one remaining. Archie doesn't get about so easily now, but Chairman Charles Terry is always around to see that he has a way to attend service each month, when his health permits.

William G. Gilbert officiated as the Guild's first president. He passed away years ago, but his hearing daughter, Bertha Gilbert, still carries on as much as she can by acting as interpreter at times. Until Margaret Jean MacLean joined in 1949, Miss Gilbert was regular interpreter at the monthly communion service for the deaf in the Church of Holy Trinity.

In addition to President Gilbert, the first vice president was Henry Juhring, the secretary was Robert Rusk, and MacLaren was treasurer. The others of those seven "charter members" were Frank Ecka, Leopold Greis, and Thomas Lenahan. Mr. Greis died two years ago.

Now in 1952 we find Berger B. Ericson in Gilbert's chair, Edmund D. Hicks in Juhring's place, and Margaret Jean MacLean and Spencer G. Hoag in Rusk's and Archie's posts, respectively.

At the second meeting, Mr. Lenahan tendered his resignation. He was a Catholic and his parents objected to his association with a Protestant organization.

At one of those early meetings, a

move was made to aid the Women's Christian Temperance Union combat the evils of drink by sending money.

Requirements of candidates running for offices in the Guild were much more strict in those days. When Mr. X was nominated for office and he had accepted, the Executive Committee asked the Chaplain if he had seen Mr. X frequently in church. If the chaplain said "yes," Mr. X was then asked if he had been baptized. If he said, "No," his candidacy became a cause for debate as to his fitness for the office or to any other office in the Guild. Sometimes the Chaplain would intercede on the questioned candidate's behalf.

The first woman admitted as a member to the Guild was Miss Hanatha Henry on January 5th, 1893.

At the second election of the Guild, Mr. J. S. Orr was elected President; Mr. Frank Ecka, Vice-President; Mr. William G. Gilbert, Secretary; and Miss Hanatha Henry, Treasurer.

At this meeting, the idea of charging an initiation fee of 25 cents for new members was born and the custom continues to this day.

The February 1st, 1894 meeting was held for the first time in St. Mark's Church on Adelphi Street, where the members continued to meet for many years rent-free. It was at this meeting that the Guild changed its name. Suggestions for the new name were several. For example, "Brooklyn Deaf-mutes for the Guild"; "The Christian Workers of the Deaf Mutes for the Guild" and "St. Mark's Guild for the Deafmutes." The first mentioned name was the most popular choice. It was later altered a little and the Guild was thereafter known for many years as the Brooklyn Guild of Deaf Mutes.

At the April 5th 1894 meeting, the members were notified that Rev. Anson Colt was no longer available as a chaplain because of his resignation from the ministry of St. David's Church. Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, since he could not be present, had appointed Frank Ecka,



A crowd at the Protestant Guild at the showing of "Rebellion" a film from the National Film Library for the Deaf.

President of the Guild, to lead the members in prayer at the meetings.

It was at this meeting that honorary memberships were granted to Rev. Dr. Thomas Gallaudet of St. Ann's Church for Deaf Mutes (now known as St. Ann's Church for the Deaf); to Rev. Mr. John Chamberlain; and to Rev. Mr. S. S. Roche, rector of St. Mark's Church.

It was at the June 7th, 1894 meeting that Rev. Dr. Gallaudet made his first appearance as the Guild's chaplain.

You know how much clubs charge nowadays for admission to their charity balls, dances and plays. Admission to a Brooklyn Guild Charity Ball cost only 25 cents in November 1909. Now we have to pay from \$1.50 to \$2.00 when we want to go to a ball.

Nowadays when we sell raffles, we use as inducements a trip for two to Bermuda or Florida or any other place, an ice box, or a television set or anything equally expensive. In the old days, their baits were more modest. There was one using a fruit bowl and stand for 10 cents a chance. Another offered 3 prizes:—1st—a ton of coal; 2nd—a gentleman's suitcase and third—a lady's fine leather bag.

I cannot conclude this narrative without mentioning Miss Jessie Frances Hicks who has been a member for 50 years, having entered the Guild in 1902. Miss Hicks is one of our most faithful members. Though she wants to take things easy, she continues to attend religious services, meeting and social affairs faithfully whenever health permits.

When the Guild moved to its present headquarters in the Church of Holy Trinity a few years ago, the name was changed from the Brooklyn Guild of Deaf Mutes to the Brooklyn Protestant Guild of the Deaf as it is known today.



Left, Archie MacLaren, sole surviving founder of the Brooklyn Protestant Guild, cuts the anniversary cake with Banquet Chairman Charles B. Terry and President Berger B. Ericson (foreground). In background are Treasurer Spencer G. Hoag and Mrs. Ericson.



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NEBRASKA . . .

One of the largest church dinners for deaf people in years took place Saturday evening, January 19, when about a hundred people of both Omaha and Council Bluffs (Ia.) graced the long festive boards in the Parish House of the All Saints Episcopal Church at 18th and Capitol Ave., and partook of that wonderful, palate-tickling beef stew, expertly prepared by Mrs. Scott Cuscaden, queen of the kitchen and chairwoman of the Auxiliary Committee. It is understood that the Auxiliary realized a nice profit from the dinner—something over \$60.00—which must be good for a church affair.

The basketball boys of the Omaha Club of the Deaf journeyed by Rock Island Rocket to Chicago Saturday, January 26, for a game with the Chicago Club of the Deaf. It was the first time ever that Omaha went and played east of the Mississippi, and Omaha won, 58-56, which indicates a very close game. It was Jimmy Spatz of Omaha who made a beautiful shot into the basket at the last minute that saved the game for Omaha.

A week later on February 2, the OCD boys traveled again—to Des Moines for a return game with the DM Silent Club—and lost the game, 56 to 46. The DM fellows worked hard to avenge the defeat they suffered earlier in the season when Omaha beat them by a 2-point margin. They had Don Ross with them, which explains the score.

Memorial to Herbert Volp Presented Ohio Home

A memorial to the memory of Herbert C. Volp has been erected at the entrance of the Ohio Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf, Central College, Ohio, presented by his sisters, Hedwig and Alma Volp.

The memorial consists of a pier of native limestone supporting two arms of ornamental wrought iron scroll work from which hangs a sign identifying the Home. Resting on the top of the pillar is a coach light, controlled by a switch in the entrance hallway of the home. Above the switch is an engraved gold plate with the inscription, "In loving memory of Herbert C. Volp by Friends and Sisters, 1951." There is also an inscription on the pier. Lettering on the sign is in luminous gold on a black background.

The representative from the Nebraska School for the Deaf to the Student Institute for deaf students at Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., from January 28 to February 1, was Alice Lougee, chosen by the Faculty Council on the basis of her scholastic standing. Her trip to Washington and back was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Omaha.

The biggest basketball affair of the OCD this winter was the combined game and party Saturday night, February 9, with about 210 people present at the party, including some from far-away Grand Island, Neb. The game was between Omaha and Kansas City (KCCD), with Omaha as winner, 57-54. And the party at Swedish Hall immediately following the game was quite a big one, with Thomas Peterson as Chairman, and Mrs. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. John Scheneman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boone and Miss Eileen Uzel as the rest of the committee. They made the biggest profit of the season—\$150.00.

The Omaha Club of the Deaf had a regular meeting February 16th and selected George Propp as delegate to the MAAD meeting at St. Paul, Minn. March 7-8, and Oscar Treuke as alternate delegate.

NEW MEXICO . . .

The Marvin Wolachs undertook a rather messy but worthwhile project during the past winter. They cleared out and rebuilt a long-hidden adobe fireplace in their living room. Following the completion of the new fireplace, the Wolachs entertained friends one evening with a "fireplace warming" to celebrate the attractive addition to their lovely home. Their two children, David and Karen, especially enjoy the new addition, as New Mexico's winter evenings are quite frigid.

Students and members of the staff at the Santa Fe School raised the goodly sum of \$32.65 which was turned over to this year's March of Dimes. Besides making cash contributions, Walter Smith and the boys in the bakery made a large cake which was auctioned at the Roosevelt Ball the end of January.

Mr. W. O. Connor, who served as Superintendent of the New Mexico School from 1906

to 1944 spent some time in St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque. Mrs. Connor has been in Albuquerque looking after him and he is under the care of his son, Dr. Wesley Connor.

Alice Lusk and Bernice Henrich, of Santa Fe, spent February 22-24 at the Grand Canyon in Arizona. They spent the Easter week-end in the southern part of Arizona with the LeRoy A. Ridings, also of Santa Fe, stopping to see friends in Tucson.

LeRoy Ridings left New Mexico following Easter week-end for Michigan where he is manufacturing log cabin pits in advance of summer sales. The area touching upon Ridings' resort location is gradually becoming filled with the cabins of summer vacationers. Mrs. Ridings and Junior will remain in Santa Fe until the end of the present school term.

The home-owning bug has bitten several more deaf residents of Santa Fe, among them the Godfrey Adams, the Tom Dillons, and the Don Wilkinsons. The Adams' and the Dillons' abodes are being rented while the Wilkinsons are busily buying furniture for theirs.

On February 20 Mrs. Miriam Adams underwent a major operation at St. Vincent's hospital in Santa Fe. The operation was successful and, at this writing, she is resting well.

On January 31 a deaf peddler entered the First National Bank of Santa Fe, peddling first aid kits. Two of the bank employees, being deaf, kept him in conversation while the Principal of the New Mexico School was called. The Principal arrived in a police patrol car, and the peddler was apprehended, and escorted to the local police station. Three peddlers were rounded up at the same time and were fined thirty dollars each. They were then given the heave-ho in the direction of the city outskirts. Needless to say, the three departed in record time and have not been seen since.

News of New Mexico may be sent to Robert Clingenpeel at the Santa Fe School.

CONNECTICUT . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Jarvis have bought a new six-room house at 28 Becker Circle in Wilson, Conn. They moved into the new home the latter part of December and are now comfortably settled.

Wilton Johnson is riding around town in one of those new DeSotos. His friend, Frank Paulposki, not to be outdone, recently purchased a '51 DeSoto club coupe.

Others with new cars include Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clark, who have acquired ownership of a two-door '52 Pontiac Sedan. Mrs. Clark took driving lessons and now handles the auto like a veteran driver. The couple have plans for the future, which include much travel. They want to see the country and travel south during the cold winters.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palka have bought a home on Colt Street in West Hartford and are waiting for the present occupants to move. The house is within walking distance of the United Aircraft plant where Joseph works, which makes it very convenient. Mrs. Palka is the former Albina Chilvin.

Another couple who have bought a home are Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaGier. It is a six-room house on North Hill Road in Simsbury. Grace and Robert have a two year old daughter and Robert is steadily employed at the United Aircraft Corp.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Duggan of Hartford regret very much that the couple are moving west to California. However, all best wishes go with them for happiness in their new abode.

MONTANA . . .

The Great Falls Silent Club held its monthly meeting and social at the school for the deaf in Mid-January at which time it was voted to donate \$20 to the National Association of the Deaf Endowment Fund.

Word has been received that Nadine Peck, MSD '46, became the bride of John Patterson the 29th of December. The couple are making their home out in Portland, Oregon.

Another wedding of interest was that of Victoria May Herbold and Robert Catron on February 23 with Rev. August L. Hauptman officiating at the ceremony which took place at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Falls. Miss Herbold is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Herbold and is employed by the National City Bank of Denver while Mr. Catron works for a vulcanizing firm in the same city.

Mercedes Blankenship is employed in a printing office in Helena, where she and her small son are making their home since moving out from Los Angeles, Calif.

OHIO . . .

To those people planning to attend the Austin convention, and living east and northeast of Cincinnati, why not break the monotonous trip to Texas by stopping over in Cincinnati? Under the guidance of widely known Wylie Ross, a mammoth picnic is being planned at the Cincinnati Zoo for Saturday, June 28. The Zoo is one of the outstanding zoological parks in the U. S. and has been almost completely rebuilt and modernized in recent years. The welcome mat will be out also at the Cameron M. E. Church for the Deaf, where Mr. and Mrs. August Staubitz will greet visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bender, nee Helen Bliss, welcomed their sixth grandchild in December, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morlock, nee Christine Kelch, greeted their second grandchild born within a week of the Benders' own.

Rosemary McHugh will be chairman of a card party scheduled at the Greater Cincinnati Club on March 15 with the avowed purpose of raising funds for the 1955 convention. Fifty-five cents will be the admission charge and a light supper will also be served for fifty-five cents. As Cincinnati has adopted the slogan "55 for '55", Rosemary is making that the central theme of her party. Rosemary also says that she has appointed a "sheriff" and five deputies and any dastardly thief caught stealing a kiss from his girl will be fined 55 cents.

Ray Grayson, our loyal chronicler of Cincinnati news, is starting all over again necessitated by the closing of the racing paper, the *Cincinnati Record*, on December 1. The paper had been published for 34 years and Ray had spent 25 of those years pounding a linotype setting up hoss racing dope. Drastic reduction in circulation when the government tax on gambling went into effect was the reason for the folding of the *Record* and the thirty odd printers thrown out of work have scattered to the three big papers of the city. One of them, Joseph Durette, is now working on a newspaper in Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Durette and daughter are remaining in their new home in Erlanger, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kiefer are leaving early in April for a three-weeks vacation in Florida.

James Flood, teacher at the Columbus school, was guest speaker at the Cincinnati Club February 23. A camera bug, among other things, Jimmy showed colored slides taken at regular intervals of the progress made in the construction of the new school for the deaf.

The Columbus Chapter of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association met for a pot-luck dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore February 3, with twenty-four guests present. Among those attending were Dr. E. R. Abernathy, Mr. and Mrs. W. Zorn, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ohlemacher, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Beckert, and Mr. and Mrs. Neutzling. Following dinner, Mr. Moore called upon Mr. Flood to give a brief resume of the Ohio School's Gallaudet Student Institute representative's trip to Washington, D. C., the previous week. Caroline McMullan attended the Institute Week from the Ohio school. A short business meeting followed during which it was decided that the local chapter would sponsor an issue of the Gallaudet College Alumni Bulletin with Mr. Moore as Editor in Chief, to be printed at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Duning flew up to Milwaukee, Wis., for the week end of January 25, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yolles. The Dunings report the plane ride most thrilling.

Mrs. Hazel Hundley and John Bonner have announced their engagement though no date has yet been set for the wedding. Mrs. Hundley was a student at the Kentucky school and Mr. Bonner attended the Cincinnati Oral School.

Deaf residents of Cincinnati were startled to learn of the death of Abby Napier by suicide on January 25th. Following the funeral services, his body was returned to Huntington, West Virginia, for burial. Abby was a resident of Cincinnati for more than 15 years, a member of the Greater Cincinnati Silent Club and of Div. No. 10, NFSD. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Herman Cahen now heads the Cleveland Bowling Club. He was elected president at a recent meeting and Nick Wolansky is the new sec'y-treas. Bob McClaskey headed a Social the evening of February 23 at which a chicken dinner was served at \$1.25 a plate, with all proceeds going to the Bowling Fund.

KANSAS . . .

Charles Sharp, a native of Arkansas, but recently of Oklahoma, paid a visit to the Wichita Club of the Deaf in February. It turned out that Mr. Sharp had been living in Wichita for over a year and had a good job in a local shoe repair shop. How strange that he didn't come into contact with the deaf in all that time!

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bartholomew have moved back to Bolivar, Ark. It seems that the climate of Wichita does not agree with Mr. Bartholomew's failing health.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Vanderveen, nee Dora Keach, have returned to their home in Kahuku, Territory of Hawaii, by air, after a month's visit in Wichita. They purchased the popular Playmor Alleys which are now being managed by her brother Burchard Keach, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin O'Connor, all of Blaine, and Harold Kistler, of Manhattan, were among the spectators at the Kansas City-Milwaukee basketball game in Kansas City, Mo. in February. Bill Doonan and Bob Foster of Wichita also motored to Kansas City.

The "A" and "B" bowling teams of the Wichita Club will soon be battling for top place in their league. Both teams have steadily climbed up and up. The "B" team members are strutting in their new dark green shirts with yellow lettering.

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nyquist were guests of honor at a dinner at the home of Earl's brother, Lowell, at Wichita on February 3. A sister from Kansas City and brothers from Holrod and McPherson attended the dinner.

Mrs. Ivan Curtis (nee May Koehn) came down from Washington, D.C. for a three weeks visit with her mother and sister Effie in Montezuma, Kan. Effie was a patient at the Dodge City hospital and is now at home.

Recent callers at the Roy Dillman residence were the Beene Watkins and Mina Munz. The Harley Sleepers and Mrs. Ethel Rowe Brown, all of Wichita were recent dinner guests of the C. L. Nanneys in Newton.

After several months of "car-shopping," George Harms decided on a 1948 Dodge. Archie Grier turned in his '49 Chev. for a 1952 model.

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By Will Rogers

Back in the days of Sam Houston, Dave Crockett, and Jim Bowie, a gent named Stephen F. Austin was some great shakes. In fact, he got so he was a famous party around this neck of the woods, and by and by, a city was named after him. It wasn't much as cities go, and began as a few shacks along the Colorado River, but by and by, the old town grewed and just about got too big for its britches. So the retired cattle kings in the town who had a finger in politics and not much else to do, decided to move the Texas State Capitol again. During its wanderings, the capital had meandered from here and there, but finally in 1836 the city of Austin was declared the capital and it so remains today. Which is one reason a picture of the place appears on the cover of this magazine. Just one reason, folks. Another and more important one right at the moment is that come June 30, Austin will be all set to receive you people with open arms. The Chamber of Commerce has been given the low down on the glad news, the mayor is polishing up his speech, and even the governor is getting interested. Austin has 150 conventions a year, I hear tell, but none of them can top what is in the making for you June 30-July 6.

The Big Boss of the Round-Up has been drawing up a program. You will find some of the high spots in the ad in this issue, but the Boss left most of it out. There will be something going on all the time, and that includes NAD Nite, a rodeo maybe, a dance, and a banquet.

Got some more mail today, folks. Long time since I got anything but gripes. Got a nice note from the Bayou country of Louisiana from Maude Thompson. Seems a pretty well known Texan named Connally, Democratic Senator from the one and only Lone Star State, is not a two-gun man any more. Living in Washington, D.C. seems to have civilized the gent, but not enough, cause he astounds people by smoking

two cigars at a time—no kidding. When a picture of Ole Tom found its way down in the swamp country, some gent in an editor's office couldn't believe what he saw—Ole Tom making with two cigars—so the gent went poetic and came out with the following free publicity for Texas:

*I see and can hardly believe it:
Connally smokes two at a time!
A Texan alone could achieve it,
Inspiring me to this rhyme.
My eye on your picture lingers
Where he holds in every hand
One cigar between his fingers.
Oh, what a remarkable land
Is Texas! It sure must be true
That everything you can do
They can do
Bigger and better than you!*

Speaking of Texas, and this here city of Austin, pictured on the cover, certain parties who passed this way back in 1939 might try to tell you some low down slicker has made a big mistake and has palmed off a picture of Houston on the editor. Pay no attention to them—they are moss backs and sticks in the mud. What they saw of Austin in 1939 was a few shacks cluttered around the capitol building and a lot of bad lands. What you see of Austin in the bird's eye view on the cover is just a small part of the present city which has pulled a Houdini and growed all over the map. It isn't splitting at the seams yet, cause there is plenty of room for anything to grow around this country. It isn't a burg anymore like back in 1939, and it isn't a whistle stop on the Santa Fe or the Southern Pacific. No sir, it is the up and coming capital of Texas, the state that has a lot of square miles, oil wells, coast line, pretty girls, and a history as long as your arm—a state now, a republic once, and before that, the best part of Mexico.

Which brings up the subject of history, and if you are interested in the subject, keep in mind the sight-seeing tour the committee is planning for one of the convention days. As of now, plans call for a trip to San Antonio, a city of about 225,000,

around seventy-five miles from Austin. It is the historical center of the state and the southwest, and a visit there will be well worthwhile. The Alamo is there, numerous missions, odd cafes, sunken gardens, and what-have-you. Plan in advance to make the tour, cause it will be something. But, don't take our word for it. Come and see for yourselves!

Bunkhouse Boss Butler at 2215 Euclid Street, this here city, has a lot of rooms, motels, etc., lined up, and a stack of reservation requests have already come his way. The best rooms and flops are going fast, so if you haven't had the gumption to get yours yet, drop him a line. He is all set up for big business now and can handle requests to the satisfaction of all parties concerned—NOW, but not in July if everybody and his brother waits until they have a chance to give the city the once over before deciding where they want to hole up.

Speaking of the pictured section of Austin, remember there is more to the city than the state capitol building and the skyline you see. Fact is, there are lots of places I haven't seen myself. Somebody tells me Austin is built on a series of caverns that would shame the Carlsbad people. Can't say I've seen them, but will take people's word for it, which is as far as my interest in underground scenery goes. Outside of oil, a Texas by-product, but none of which has come up in my back yard yet, what is under me can stay there sight unseen so long as it is good old terra firma. Back in '47 in Louisville, they tried to get us to go to Mammoth Caverns. Some of us were wise enough to stay out and were glad of it when we heard tales of the late Jimmy Meagher just about meeting his Maker when he lost his hold on Marcus Kenner's coat tail!

Taking what is on top, you can find anything in Austin from one of the greatest universities in the south to an East 6th street dive where knife play is a pastime. In between the two, you will find some beautiful homes and some slums, a lazy river that can go on the rampage, the Texas Schools for the deaf and for the blind, good swimming pools, good golfing, good fishing, good loafing, and good fun.

So, folks, get your saddle bags packed, feed the old hayburner on corn and oats, make your reservations, tell your boss to hold everything until the middle of July, and start tracking this way. We'll be looking for you and all your kith and kin.

SWinging . . .

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NEW YORK . . .

Officers of the Golden Tornadoes Athletic Club for 1952-1953 were installed at the January meeting. They are Joseph Hines, President; Seymour Bernstein, Vice-President; Charles Krampe, re-elected for his third consecutive term as secretary and Herbert Fradin, treasurer. The Board of Governors will be composed of James Epstein, Umberto Marinelli, Ralph Epstein, Albert Parnes and Leonard Vogel.

The Golden Tornadoes Athletic Club's Fifth Anniversary Banquet was held at the Chinese Republic Restaurant, New York City with 80 guests attending. President Hines was the first speaker, followed by Max Friedman, former coach of basketball, Ben Israel, new coach, and Emanuel Golden, Athletic Director. Co-Chairman James Epstein spoke about their most valuable player, Carl Lorello, and presented him with a clock. Co-Chairman Albert Parnes presented the Achievement Award to Charles Krampe for his three years as secretary and on the committees.

Binghamton Div. 108 N.F.S.D. has changed its meeting date from the second Friday to the first Saturday, effective February 2. New officers are William Chauncy, Pres.; Herbert Cole, Vice-Pres.; Emil Koliander and Arthur Rodman, Sect'y and Treasurer respectively. None resides in Binghamton.

Francis (Pete) Coughlin of Saratoga Terrace, Binghamton, has resigned from his job at the Sheltered Workshop to accept a more lucrative position with the City Housing Project.

George Lewis of St. Joseph, Mich formerly of Binghamton, was a recent visitor in the Triple Cities and Syracuse. During his visit he was honored with a supper party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Leach of Johnson City. Eighteen guests spent an enjoyable evening renewing old friendships.

The last of a series of Plastic Parties was held recently at the home of Mrs. Helen Leach of Johnson City. Lucretia King was hostess with Mrs. Leach co-hostess. A record number of guests witnessed the interesting demonstration and at its conclusion refreshments were served.

Merrill Guild of the Deaf of All Saints Church, Johnson City held an election of officers recently and climaxed the meeting with a party in their honor.

Mrs. Eleanor Font was operated on for the removal of her tonsils and adenoids on January 22. She spent four days in the hospital.

Rev. George Kraus of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Jackson Heights went to Florida during the first week of January to complete two weeks of mission work there. His place in the pulpit was taken by Conrad Ulmer, Layreader.

Luba Gutman's mother, Mrs. Marcus Gutman arrived at Idlewild airport from Tel Aviv on January 11. Spencer G. Hoag drove Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Kenner and Luba to the airport to meet her.

The Sisterhood of the Hebrew Association of the Deaf did themselves proud on January 19 when they staged a Costume Dance at the Clubhouse. The affair attracted an attendance of well over 200 of the local deaf with a sprinkling from Penn., Conn., and New Jersey. Praise is due Mrs. Anna Plapinger and her able committee for a well-directed and enjoyable affair.

The new Community Center which will be used by the H.A.D. and the Marry-Go-Rounders, will open very shortly. However its large public affairs will be held at the old stand—150 W. 85 St.

The Staff of the B.P.G.D.—Chatter, the organ of the Brooklyn Protestant Guild of the Deaf, are making tentative plans for a 5th Anniversary Banquet on November 8, 1952.

Bob Collieran was tendered a bachelor party on January 30. He and the beautiful Betty Iverson of Islip said their 'I Do's' on February 2.

Jo Dragonette gave a baby shower for Doris Doret in January. About 40 attended and Doris was practically swamped with gifts.

Mary Rought of Binghamton is a patient at City Hospital for an appendectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cobb of Vestal accompanied by Wilma Barkman of Johnson City and Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Hoag of Endicott, motored to Rome, N.Y. recently to attend the fourth annual banquet of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association held at Stanwix Hall Hotel. Lawrence Newman was toastmaster. The guest speaker was David Peikoff of Toronto, Canada.

Triple Cities Association of the Deaf was host at the tenth annual Championship Bowling Tournament held in Binghamton February 16-17. Syracuse Team No. 1 walked off with the men's trophy, while the women's trophy was won by the team from Albany. Cash awards were given to Betty Jane Hartinger, Nancy B. Thayer and Elizabeth Clements. Bernice Marinich captured the 'booby' prize. The Trophy Dinner at Hotel Earle on Saturday evening was attended by 168 people. The program opened with the National Anthem by Mrs. Thomas A. Hinchey. Rev. Wm. M. Lange, Jr. gave the Invocation. Robert Mayershofer acted as toastmaster. The purpose of the dinner was explained by Clifford Leach. Robert Greenmun entertained with "Are You a Pelican" and Mrs. Greenmun gave a portrait of Silly Sally Slithers from Swayback. Mrs. Delta Martin was the interpreter and presentation of the Trophies was made by Mr. Hilchey. At the conclusion, Joseph Lake expressed appreciation.

Samuel Shah of Utica spent the week-end in Endicott recently as the guest of the Mahlon Hoags and attended the Trophy Banquet. Also present was J. Francis Brown of Walton whom we have not seen in a long time.

KENTUCKY . . .

Mrs. Ethel M. Durham is still living at the home of her daughter in Long Beach, California and writes that she is enjoying herself out there. She has met many former residents of Kentucky and makes no mention of when, if ever, she will be returning to her home in Dayton, Ohio. Could be that Ethel plans to stay out west permanently?

William Garland is now at the Pinecrest Sanitarium in Beckley, West Virginia, and would appreciate hearing from his friends.

Raymond Chestnut and his little son of Georgetown, were visitors to Danville the last week of January. Ray is still working for a dry-cleaning concern and tells us that all other deaf in his locality are gainfully employed.

Tom Turner and Miss Fannie Turner have moved to the Rand Avenue house which Tom purchased in Lexington. Both are happily welcomed by the deaf population of Lexington.

Danville Chapter of the Gallaudet Alumni Association held their annual dinner at the Beaumont Inn on January 26, which was well attended. Husbands and wives of members were on hand to partake of the Beaumonts' famous southern fried chicken.

The Kentucky Chapter of the GCAA held their first Founder's Day banquet at Beaumont Inn in Harrodsburg February 26. A meeting followed with Gertrude Elkins presiding and elections for the coming year were held at which Mary Kannapell was voted president, Earl Elkins, vice-pres., and Virginia Ward, sect'y-treasurer. Talks were given by Dr. George M. McClure, Sr., Gordon Kannapell, James Beauchamp, and others. Among Louisvilleans attending the event were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kannapell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kannapell, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Warren.

Louisville played host to the Sixth Annual

Bowling Tournament of the Central States Association February 9-10. Champs for the 5 man event were J. B. Davis, D. R. Zito, and R. James. We regret not obtaining the results of the doubles and singles or the names of the newly elected officers. Orchids go to Gordon Kannapell and his able committee whose excellent planning made the meet a memorable event.

The Alfred Marshalls have succumbed to the lure of television. They are the proud possessors of the first TV set among local residents of Danville.

Out of towners attending the Kentucky-Ohio schools' basketball game February 16 were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baxter of Elizabethtown, guests of the Claude Hoffmeyers; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Johnson of Gravel Switch, guests of the Earl Elkins family; Mr. and Mrs. Charles King of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kess; and Miss Betty Sye Groves of Covington, guests of the Joe Balasas. Visitors in Danville on Sunday the 17th were Mr. Wm. Suttka and Mrs. Fay Balawicz, both of Chicago, Ill.

Gertrude Elkins was quite frightened the morning of February 18, when awakened from a sound sleep by a flashlight flickering in her face. She was quite relieved to find that it was her sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brooks of Chicago, come to pay her a surprise visit, and not a prowler in search of valuables. The Elkins children had a wonderful time getting acquainted with their cousins, Martha Ann and Joe Jr.

The Frank Baxters have been quite busy lately. They have moved into that brand new house which Frank just completed constructing in Elizabethtown.

Kentucky news should be sent to Mrs. Gertrude Elkins, 509 High Street, Danville.

LOUISIANA . . .

Mrs. Sam Palazzo and Mrs. Ann Fulford are the envy of all their friends these days. Both were winners in local contests recently. Mrs. Palazzo won a new sewing machine and Ann walked off with a television set.

Marilyn Ducote has dropped out of her college course at the Lafayette S. L. I. and has secured work as a bookkeeper at the St. Patrick Hospital in St. Charles, La.

It is a bit late but friends of Cleopie Simon, Lafayette, and Miss Lydia McDonald of Maurice, may not be aware that the two were married the end of October.

Bill, the 22-year-old son of Bill and Maud Thompson of New Orleans, has been called up by the Navy. Young Bill had just recently married and was busily setting up house-keeping with his bride when the call came from Uncle Sam.

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ment with the "Herald" as pressman and remained there a year. A Union shop in nearby Carlyle offered Walter employment and an I. T. U. card on his experience. The scale, however, was low, leaving very little "take-home pay" after the usual deductions plus travel expenses and he left after a year and a half.

Johnny was born in 1945. Afflicted with a constriction of the pylorus, Johnny nearly starved to death shortly after birth. A hundred mile dash to a hospital in St. Louis where he was operated on by a competent surgeon saved him.

The second boy, Davey, came in 1950.

Through his acquaintance and friendship with Rev. George Flick of Chicago, the late Rev. Henry Jeremiah Pulver of Philadelphia, and Rev. Georg Almó of Columbus, Ohio, Walter became interested in the ministry for the deaf and undertook study leading toward ordination. Home and family responsibilities, coming hard on the heels of inflated living costs for Walter, have retarded his studies and caused a temporary cessation. Walter, however, hopes to resume his studies in the not too distant future and some day be of service to his fellow-men.

The housing shortage of World War II made it necessary for Walter to seek new living quarters for his family and now a cycle repeated itself in Walter's life. No homes were to be had for love or money, so Walter, as did his father before him, set out to build his own.

Construction of the home was to prove more involved than Walter had bargained for. The home was started during a period of universal shortages and Walter was constantly plagued by an inability to secure vital materials, and by a constantly recurring shortage of cash due to steadily advancing costs of materials. This sorely taxed his ingenuity in solving his problems. At one time it was almost impossible to get any nails. Walter searched diligently in nearby towns until he could find a pound or so. This would suffice for a half hour's work, and it would be a week or so before more nails could be obtained. He became well known at the local banks as "a whiz with a nail and a hammer" and he was usually able to float or refinance a loan to tide him over an especially difficult period.

Though the home is as yet incomplete, the Stulls are living in it and are devoted to each other and to the two boys.

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So sang the poet, Rupert Brooke, one fine day in April when the slumbering earth bestirred itself again and the first robin rode in on the wings of Joy. Yet, even as the high tide of the year seemed to bring a resurgence of hope and cheer within the human breast, it also brought in the flotsam and the jetsam of yesterday's losses—the old, remembered loves and the transient dreams of youth.

Oddly enough, Spring is a paradox—just like everything else in Life. Although it may reawaken the *joie de vivre* in our hearts again, nevertheless, it also yields the painful realization that every returning season finds us one year older, and a little more the wiser and sadder for it.

This being so, our selections for the month of April deal with the multi-colored and many-sided thoughts that come to mind during such a time of year, ranging from Spring Wheat and Easter-time to Cherry Blossoms, April Showers . . . and even Baseball.

APRIL

Fall, ye gently falling rain,
Cover all the earth's domain,
Fall on every tree and vine—
On leaf and bud and dandelion.
Fall, thou, on the flowers sweet
And on the grass beneath my feet.
Thou, descend from the sky to sea
Softly, gently, o'er the lea.
Overflow each brimming cup,
Burst the blossoms, peering up
Pleading for thy nourishment.
To every living plant give vent.
And when at last thy work is done,
Usher in the radiant sun
Sweet April, wipe Thy tears away,
Herald in the month of May!

CHRISTEL ERDMANN

Opening Day, 1952, Yankee Stadium
Soon that new crop of grass will have concealed

Those spikeworn pathways near the bleacher wall,
And that newcomer out in center field
Will blaze his own while chasing for the ball . . .
But still the commentary of the throng,
Mourning the deeds of those no longer there,
Remembers one who swept the team along
Whose every move was followed by a stare
That marvelled at each scintillating catch,
At every epic throw or classic swing
Which, somehow, no one else could seem to match

Nor do as well as he did everything.
And, in their little dugout down below,
The Yankees know it: "We will miss you, Joe."
ROBERT F. PANARA

CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Nestled on the trees in Potomac Park,
Giving your beauty from dawn to dark;
You come in April, you leave too soon,
You sing your song of spring in tune;

White and pink and gay cerise,
Combinations of all of these;
Smiles from the branches up above,
Show'ry petals and youthful love;

In tune with the Infinite and all,
Blossoms, why must you fade and fall?
You fade and float on the springtime breeze,
Your fragrance lingers among the trees.

ARAH H. MILLER

EASTER

Hear high masses chanted that the sun may shine.
Crosses, do you see none? Oh, but they are there:
Black against the skyline, His and yours and mine—
Each one with its own grief; would that they were bare.

Candles in the churches, burning all the night
At the foot of crosses, symbols of His pain;
Darkness, Death is losing; Victory with Lights;
White wings in the heavens; joy on earth again.

Awake . . .
The dawn is breaking! Lo, in the east is light!
Fresh pure winds are blowing, flowers blooming gay.
See—the tomb is vacant, spurned in the night!
Joyful hearts are singing, "Resurrection Day."

CATHERINE MARSHALL RAMGER

SPRING WHEAT

Beneath the livid sun bare lay the plain
But undulated in a veil of heat
Like one in labor. Harshly fell the sweet,
Incisive needles of the driving rain
To pierce the distant outpost of the pain
And flay the restive foetus through the street
Of weary muscle, convulsed with the fleet,
Transparent passing of a ghostly train,
As if a hundred springs, on silent feet,
Had crept into the good topsoil again
To roll the stone away from tasseled wheat,
But finding there an empty tomb, had lain
Face downward then before the hallowed sheet
That recently had held the risen slain.

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The LONG View

By Elmer Long

A recent article in a popular magazine states that certain progressive engineering and manufacturing concerns have set aside what they call "thinking rooms" for the use of engineers and designers who need absolute quiet for efficient concentration.



ELMER LONG

The prime purpose of a designer, for instance, is to dream up newer and better autos, airplanes, home appliances or what-have-you. In short, his is a creative job, a job that requires the utmost in mental effort and concentration. The modern drafting room or engineering office, with its hundreds of draftsmen, clerks and liaison men is seldom conducive to the clearest kind of thinking.

When a real knotty problem of design is involved, even the scrape of a chair across the floor or the jangle of a telephone bell in the next room may be enough to send one's thoughts off at a tangent. It takes valuable time to gather the wits again and recapture the broken chain of concentration.

In such a situation, the designer simply assembles his necessary notes, papers and reference books and retires to the "thinking room." Usually he will have it all to himself, and even if others are present, the rule of absolute quiet prevails. No conversation is permitted in this room under any circumstances. The walls are soundproofed, and all chairs and other furnishings are constructed so as to cause the least amount of noise. There is no window to admit the sounds of a busy world which may flow by on the outside. Sirens may screech and whistles may blow, but the occupant of the thinking room is indeed alone with his thoughts. There is no telephone, no typewriters. The only audible sounds are the rustle of papers, or perhaps the scratching of pencils on paper.

The important use of this room is that of *thinking*. In such a rarefied atmosphere of super-silence, the mind, undisturbed by distracting noises, is able to rise to almost miraculous heights of concentration and achievement.

Our hearing friends sometimes remark in jest that we, the deaf, are lucky we cannot hear such irritating noises as airhammers (they always start tearing up the pavement just beneath the windows of busy offices), huge machines in industrial plants, or just the yakkity-yak of some boring gossip.

These kibitzers rarely know just how true their remarks are. For that matter neither do we, the deaf. For Nature (or God, or Fate—what ever you wish to call it) has seen fit to place the minds of deaf people in an absolutely sound-proofed chamber. The little irritating sounds that, monotonously repeated, set the nerves of hearing people to jumping like pop-corn in a hot popper, have no effect whatever on the deaf. It is true that our minds may be distracted easily by vibrations and by visible stimuli, but the vibrations of ordinary, every-day life are only the merest shadow of true sound. The visible distractions may be eliminated in time of mental activity, simply by closing the eyes.

Actually the deaf are better equipped for deep and sustained thinking than hearing people of the same mental level. And why shouldn't they be, when they carry their own built-in "thinking rooms" with them wherever they go!

When we see a deaf man who has distinguished himself in a field ordinarily dominated by hearing people, we can be sure that he has long since discovered his own "thinking room" and, more than that, he has taught himself to make full use of it.

The deaf have established a reputation for skill at manual trades, and while that may seem far removed from the use of the mind, it is even money that the workman retires into himself—into his "thinking room" if you please, while he is at work. Naturally he is able to apply himself to his job more diligently than can his hearing fellow-worker.

If you are beginning to wonder why more of us don't rise to higher accomplishments, the answer is obvious. We seldom realize our advantage. Even when we do, we do not necessarily know how to use it. The "thinking room" is available to every one of us who can't hear, at almost any hour of the day or night, but it takes a great deal of self-discipline to make it work for us. Although we can enter our "thinking room" simply by closing our eyes, we cannot always control the pattern of thoughts that run through our minds. Hearing people face the same problem, and more—they must also learn to disregard the unwanted stimuli from outside that enter through the ear. So the advantage still lies with the deaf who knows how to use his "thinking room."

Nowadays when hearing friends kid me about the loud noises I can't hear, I just smile in agreement—but deep inside I think, "Brother, you don't know the half of it."

SWinging . . .

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feux of New Orleans are right proud of their only son, Henry, Jr., for his success as a singer. Henry was recently offered a contract to appear on television for an advertising firm in Chicago and as a result, Henry has moved to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mayer have been kept busy ever since the New Year. They have moved to Shreveport and are engaged in giving the new abode a fresh coat of paint.

Some thirty friends from Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Beaumont, gathered at the home of Mrs. Gus White in mid-January to surprise her with a birthday party while she was away to a movie. She received many nice gifts from those present as well as numerous other useful items from friends unable to attend the gathering.

Among the officers and employees of the New Orleans Times-Picayune Publishing Co., who were honored at a dinner upon completion of 25 years or more with the company on February 3 were three local deaf residents: Henry J. Soland, Jr., Henry Feux, and Charles Tobelman. All three began their careers in the printing trade while they were students at the Louisiana School. Each was awarded a beautiful emblem signifying their years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaise Nuccio, nee Myrtle Rousseau, newlyweds of only a few months, are now living in a beautiful home of their own in the Metairie section of New Orleans. Blaise is employed by the Times-Picayune.

At the January meeting of the New Orleans Div. No. 33, NFSD, the following officers were sworn in for 1952: Maynard Fulford, pres.; Edgar Landry, v-pres.; Roland Gaudet, sec'y; Fred Deuchert, treas.; Leon Guerra, director; and Alex Calico, sergeant. A party was given after the meeting for the new officers, attended by members of the Division, their wives, and friends.

OREGON . . .

Leo Prange writes that he and his little family are getting along fine in Castro Valley, California. Leo is steadily employed as foreman in a large printing shop doing commercial jobs and publishing a weekly paper. Cecil Blaylock and Clarence Franks live near Leo and visit the Pranges often.

John Heath is working in a planing mill near Central Point, Oregon. Mrs. Heath will be remembered as the former Cora Bevel. John worked for many years at the cheese-making trade at which he became an expert, in Marshfield, now Coos Bay, before moving to Central Point.

The James Patterson's are at present living with relatives, due to a fire in their apartment not long ago.

It is a bouncing baby boy at the home of the Thomas Ulmers and a lovely little girl for the Glenn Welches. At this writing, both babies, their mothers, and not forgetting the two fathers, are doing fine.

Louise Van Rookle is attending night school at present, taking a course in key-punch. After finishing the course, Louise will take Civil Service examinations.

The Kenneth Welches spent the first two weeks of March in Sunny California, visiting here and there, and enjoying the spring weather which seems to have paid an early visit to the Golden State this year.

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Charlotte Coffman is very proud of that photo of her brother which appeared recently in a local newspaper. Her brother is the owner of some rare and very expensive antiques which he has collected through the years. Items from France, England, and Germany are included in the collection.

Another collector is Mrs. C. Greenwald, who has a fondness for China figurines. Her latest item is a remarkable coffee table, hand carved in the Chinese manner, which was a recent gift from her daughter.

ARIZONA . . .

Frank Sladek of the Tucson school has acquired a brand new car, a '52 Ford Customline Tudor, which replaces his '49 model which was almost completely demolished early in February while Frank was driving to a basketball game in Safford, Ariz. While rounding a curve in the highway, Frank hit a burro which had run onto the highway. The car was overturned by the impact, the top smashed, and almost every bit of window glass shattered. Frank and his three passengers were unhurt except for minor scratches and bruises and were able to make the return trip to Tucson in the badly damaged auto.

In telling of the accident, Frank relates that no less than seven similar accidents have occurred on that same stretch of highway within the past couple of months.

(We would like very much to secure a regular correspondent from either Tucson or Phoenix who will contribute Arizona news. Any applicants?—Ed.)

MINNESOTA . . .

Wilbur Fry, who relinquished his job at the Brown and Bigelow plant some time ago, has become a farmer, teaming up with his father-in-law at Dassel. By the way, Doc Stork will pay the Frys a visit one of these days.

The Paul E. Kees journeyed first to Chicago and then to St. Joseph, Mo., for their annual visit with their two sons and families. Before their return they went down to Kansas City and saw the havoc suffered from the summer floods.

Three deaf motorists were involved in three different accidents, all of which did considerable damage to the autos. Warren Nascene was returning home one night after a basketball game. The streets were very slippery and a car ahead stopped on the red light. Rather than bumping into the car, Warren tried to win an argument with a pole, and naturally, he came out second best. The front was badly damaged, needing extensive repairs. Lloyd Carlson's car landed in a hospital; the rear was badly damaged as a result of a big truck ramming into it while Lloyd was waiting for the signal to change. Bob Carlson collected about \$800 from a woman whose car collided head-on with his. Bob's car became an ornament in the junkyard.

Freezing weather was chiefly responsible for the small attendance at the annual mass meeting of Thompson Hall December 15. Election of officers for 1952 took place, with

Chairman Lloyd Carlson and Sec.-Treas. Russel Corcoran being returned to their respective offices for another term.

Some time ago Mrs. Grace Engh's daughter-in-law drove her to San Francisco to meet her son who was being discharged from the Navy. They spent a month visiting her aged mother and relatives in Alameda, and also visited Dr. Elwood Stevenson in Berkeley.

Friends of the Ray Haftens went down to their farm at Loretta to help celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary in January.

John Schumacher, who has had his mind set on going to Washington, D.C. to consider the job situation, decided at the last minute to pull out his slip at the Minneapolis Star and Tribune plant and left on January 7. Later, wife Nona reported that John had already obtained work and she would join him soon.

Harvey Burton is the latest home owner, having purchased a semi-bungalow on St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul, within walking distance of Thompson Hall.

The Sioux Falls (S.D.) quintet came to Thompson Hall for a return engagement on January 19 with a large crowd turning out at Ascension Gym. Score was 58-44 in favor of Thompson Hall; high point man of the evening was J. Welch. Among those who came to witness the game were Gerald Burstein, Jean Pettit, the John Spellmans, the George Hansons, the Evan Ellises, the Ed Johnsons, and Velma Halvorson, all of Faribault, Minn.; L. Ahls of Waterloo, Ia.; Sol Schwartzmann of

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The annual election of officers for the Minneapolis Oral Deaf Association, held January 17 resulted in Leo Latz, pres.; Bob Carlson, v.-pres.; John Lauth, sec'y.; Jim Grenell, treas.; Andy Revak, sgt.; Fred Armstrong, 2-yr. trustee; Sam Sagel, 1-yr. trustee; and Howie Johnson as athletic director. Plans for the coming softball season were discussed and a team was in the making.

IOWA . . .

Donald Irwin has joined the Omaha Club's basketball team. Donald ended his Gallaudet College career in mid-January and took up his old job again at the Council Bluffs Nonpareil where he is an apprentice printer.

A son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Switzer January 14. The new baby has been named Bruce. The Switzers own a plot of land upon which Harold and Clark Bond built a large garage last summer. Harold and Mrs. Switzer, nee Darlene Biggestaff, plan to build a home of their own design at a later date. Meanwhile they are living in the garage and happily making plans for the new house.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barnd played hosts to the Mascia Club which held its monthly party at their home in Forest City January 12. Twenty-two members were present to hear David Meyer of Leland tell of his recent trip to Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Ervine Hastings of Crystal Lake, Mrs. David Meyer, and Arthur Peterson, both of Albert Lea, were among winners of contests which provided much merriment during the evening. The February meeting of the Mascia's took place at the home of Tom Christian in Mason City February 9th.

After two years of driving trucks to Chicago and Milwaukee, Harold Kinkade has taken work at the Rath Packing Company in Waterloo. He says he is fed up with bad roads and worse weather, which make trucking hazardous.

From California, Warren Walling writes that he has moved back to Pasadena from Altadena. Both cities are practically a part of Los Angeles. Warren says he celebrated his 86th birthday in November and is feeling hale and hearty. That is good news to all his Iowa friends.

The Burlington Silent Club is organizing a basketball team and hopes to enter it in the midwest tournament next year. The club still needs a few more players. H. "Soapy" Moore is manager and plans to confer with other managers at the MAAD in St. Paul, Minn. in March.

Miss Eleanor Elmassian, '51 graduate of Gallaudet College, and now Girls' Physical Education Instructor at the Iowa School at Council Bluffs, made a flying trip to her home in Los Angeles, for the holidays.

Mrs. Dennis Froehle, sons David and Roger, and Miss Eleanor Adams, all of Des Moines, left by train the latter part of January for Mitchell, S.D., where they visited Mrs. Froehles's mother, Mrs. Ernie Coyne and other relatives.

Recent week-end guests of the Larry Marxers were Mrs. Louis Braun nee Betty Range, of Rockford, Ill and Mrs. Ruth Wilhelm of Marion, Ia. They also attended the Rockford-Des Moines basketball game, which the latter team won, on January 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Rennick of Milwaukee, Wisc. visited briefly with friends in Des Moines January 19. Wally is a member of the Milwaukee Silents' basketball team. His wife is the former Pauline Meeks of Anamosa and she reports she likes the city of Milwaukee and its friendly people.

Marvin Tuttle made his debut in the Des Moines Golden Gloves Tourney February 12 and lost in the first bout by a TKO in the third round. Marvin made a good start, belting his opponent at will in the first round, but ran out of "gas" and was helpless until the referee halted the fight at Marvin's "okay." His opponent later became heavyweight champion.

Dale Van Hemert and Jack Montgomery, linotype operators for the Des Moines Register and Tribune, respectively, are attending night school, taking a 25-week course in typing. The printing trade seems headed for mechanical changes in which the present operators will use machines that have regular typewriter keyboards.

MARYLAND . . .

Thelma Lee Dixon decided to finish out her contract as M.S.S.D. supervisor of girls to May but not without a lot of urging from her friends on the staff and faculty. After a week's absence she returned on January 29. Her girls received her with joy.

After a heated and very funny basketball game between M.S.S.D. players and members of the Men's Athletic Club, one of the hearing players, Mr. Anderson and his wife who have a son in M.S.S.D. gave all who attended the game a treat of ice cream, soft drinks and other goodies. One of the hearing players, Dave Cole, 21, is a pitcher for the Boston Braves. This was on January 25. The score was 89-68 in favor of M.S.S.D.

The Yates admired the Behrensens' new combination screen and storm windows so much they ordered the same thing for their home. This will help to save money on their heating.

The Klebergs had Rev. Otto Berg as their dinner guest on February 9. Glenn Knode dropped in and had coffee and dessert with them. Afterward, Rev. Berg drove them to Hagerstown, 25 miles away, to attend a social given by his congregation in St. John's Episcopal Church. Jack Miller, supervisor at M.S.S.D. was the last one in having come straight from Washington, D.C. where he had been to see the Icecapades, which he enjoyed very much.

Rev. Berg gave a stirring sermon the next day on the great love and understanding of God in St. Paul's Chapel of All Saints Church in Frederick. Because of the flu, the number in attendance was smaller than usual.

The Bob Stanleys, the Boyd Yates and Thelma Lee Dixon went to Washington, D.C. on February 3 to see the Icecapades which starred Donna Atwood.

The Klebergs were the lone representatives from M.S.S.D. to attend the Edward Miner Gallaudet birthday dinner given by the Gallaudet College Alumni of the D.C. Chapter on February 8 in Alfonso's Restaurant in Washington. Dr. Elstad was absent as he had to speak in Conn. but his wife represented him. Jean Folsom, Gallaudet '49, engineered the banquet and Leonard Lau, the chapter prexy, was the toastmaster. Among the speakers were Dr. Atwood, Prexy of the Board of Directors of Gallaudet College and Dr. Elizabeth Peet, retired Dean of Women of the College. Dr. Atwood's speech was interpreted into the sign language by Mr. Youngs, faculty member of the college.

CALIFORNIA . . .

Mrs. Frank Davis was honored at a baby shower the afternoon of Sunday, March 2, in the club rooms of the Los Angeles Club. Luncheon was served to several dozen ladies by the committee for the affair, Mesdames Gutsch, Rasmussen, Beasley, Thompson, Kwitkie, Hubay, Gonzales, Morgan, Lee, Rosenkjar, Hoganson, W. Woodward, L. Woodward, Allen, LaMonte, Gardner, Dyer, Toney, Priestter, and Adeline Ekman.

The Los Angeles Chapter of the GCAA held its annual dinner at the Old Dixie Restaurant February 3. Principal speaker of the evening was Mr. Huebner, a department manager in the home office of the Rexall Drug Co. in Hollywood. A meeting was held following the repast and officers elected for the coming year are: Dorothy Young, pres.; Norma Strickland, vice-pres.; Foster Gilbert, sec'y.; George Brookins, treasurer (re-elected); and Willa Dudley, liaison officer (re-elected).

Patricia, little daughter of Naomi Christensen, Long Beach, appeared on the Eddie Albert Television Show, KTLA Channel 13, the afternoon of February 21, along with her classmates from the Oral Dept. of the Long Beach Stevenson School.

The CAD held Open House at its newly acquired Home for the Aged Deaf at 953 South Menlo Ave., Los Angeles, the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday, February 16-17 with Supt. and Mrs. Emory Gerich on hand to show visitors around. Object of the event was to let visitors see the Home in its present condition before extensive remodeling is undertaken, and another open house will be held when the work is completed in May. The deaf of the locality have joined wholeheartedly in making the Home comfortable, donating almost everything from mousetraps to pots and pans. Belle Tyhurst sent a whole truck load of furniture to the Home and others have been most generous too.

Helen Holmes, Los Angeles, was confined to a hospital during February with an attack of the flu and Jennie Westmoreland, Huntington Park, also went through a bout with the sniffles, spending some time in bed. Johnny Fail, 12, of Long Beach, was rushed to an emergency hospital in mid-February when he cut a gash in his right ankle during a baseball game. The cut was most severe, reaching clear to the bone, and required seven stitches.

Hollywood Div. No. 119, Auxiliary Frats announce the following officers for 1952: Thelma Rabb, pres.; Helen McNulty, vice-pres.; Margaret Wall, sec'y.; Irene Smith, treas.; Madeline Christensen, Esther Ameroni, and Dorothy Chrismer, Trustees; and Irene Sprague, Sergeant.

Flodell, daughter of Jay and Letha Grider of Hermosa Beach, Calif., was married during the past winter to a Mr. Guidos and on Sunday afternoon, March 2, the young couple were feted at a wedding shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ashley in North Redondo Beach.

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of Los Angeles, pres.; Harry Jacobs of Oakland, vice-pres.; and Constantino L. Marchione, Hollywood, sec'y-treasurer. The 1953 tournament will be held in San Jose with James McKee at the helm and twelve teams participating. At a breakfast meeting held in Hollywood the morning of February 23, the site for the FAAD's Southern Division tournament in 1954 was placed in the hands of the new Long Beach Club to be held in Long Beach. Officers for '54 as selected at the February 23 meeting are: Connie Marchione, pres.; Leonard Meyer, vice-pres.; and Herbert Schreiber, sec'y-treas.

TENNESSEE . . .

Knoxville Div. No. 20, NFSD announces the following officers for 1952: Jess Smith, pres.; Eugene Reagan, vice-pres.; Harley Bishop, sec'y., re-elected; Ray Gallimore, treas.; re-elected; Odell Tillman, director; Estel Wilhite, serg't, re-elected; and Clyde Monday, 3 year trustee.

Miss Annie Puckett has been appointed by TAD president Ralph Green as chairman of the Dr. Ethel Acuff Poore Portrait Fund drive in Knoxville and vicinity. Those who live in Knoxville and Eastern Tennessee may send their contributions to Annie, whose address is P. O. Box 1563, Knoxville.

Mrs. Susie Sawhill of Cleveland, Ohio, spent some time as a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Nell Arrington, in Greenbelt, Md. Mrs. Sawhill has been making her home with a daughter in Cleveland but decided to visit her sister while her daughter and son-in-law spent the winter in Florida.

Visitors to Knoxville during January were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawson of Washington, D. C. Robert's father's illness called them to Knoxville and friends here were very pleased and happy to see them.

TEXAS . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Page of St. Louis, Mo., are hoping to become permanent residents of Houston. They are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Leander W. Stuart until Mr. Page finds employment to his liking. Mrs. Page and Mrs. Stuart were schoolmates back at the Arkansas School years ago.

Paul Haynie and Peggy Henderson have announced their intent to wed but have not set a date for the nuptials yet. Congratulations are extended to the happy pair and bets are being made that it is a June wedding.

Mrs. Iva Campbell of Houston accompanied one of her married daughters, Gloria, back home to Biloxi, Miss., the latter part of January intending to stay two weeks in Biloxi.

Members of the Dallas Club are glad to have Rev. C. F. Landon back again. Reverend Landon made extended missionary trips to both Florida and California and upon his return he bought another automobile to replace the one wrecked in an auto accident recently.

Mrs. Earl Maddox, nee Elizabeth Parks, of Dallas, suffered a painful injury when her right arm was caught in a conveyor and badly bruised. Tom Withrow's left hand was injured in a similar accident the same week. Both are recovering with no serious after-effects, however.

Heading the Lubbock Club for 1952 are: Olan Lawrence, pres.; George Fulkerson, vice-pres.; Bob Barlow, sec'y.; and Floyd Wise, treasurer. Plans are afoot to make the coming year a great one for Lubbock.

Robert Rosenmund, 18, Peacock Military Academy student in San Antonio, died in Kerrville, Tex., of injuries received chasing a runaway horse on a ranch near Bandera December 27. Robert was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boles Penrose Rosenmund, deaf residents of Harrisburg, Penna.

From the sunny climes of California came Earl and Charlotte Harmonson to visit friends and family in Dublin, Texas, during the worst part of the past winter. They brought the news that Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jameson of Inglewood, Calif., were planning to move back to Lubbock. In February, the Jamesons really

did return to Lubbock, where they plan to live and the Harmonsons are now back home in Long Beach, Calif., lamenting the loss of their closest friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wilkerson, who were married just after Christmas in Tyler, Tex., were feted at a wedding shower in January at the home of Mrs. L. E. Loving.

Mrs. J. T. Sprouse returned home to California in January after spending three months with her family in Forth Worth. Friends here were sorry to see her go.

OKLAHOMA . . .

Mrs. Lee Stanton, nee Pauline Long, is the newest addition to the deaf world of Oklahoma City. Pauline, a graduate of Gallaudet '42, is the sister of Vicki Long Santellanes of Los Angeles, Calif., and is making her home in our town while her husband is stationed at Tinker Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Pritner, nee Losson Brown of Sulphur, Okla., have moved from Los Angeles, Calif., to Bethel, Kansas. The Pritners bought a home in Bethel recently and are now comfortably established as residents of Kansas after many years of living in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Max Lubin, nee Jane Susman, who died in Long Island City, N. Y. recently, was a former supervisor of the older girls at the Oklahoma School at Sulphur.

The Sixth Annual SWD Bowling Tournament will take place in Tulsa on May 3 and 4th with teams from various cities vying for trophies. Mr. Carlos Worth is in charge of the meet and he and his committee are already busy with arrangements for the event.

MISSOURI . . .

The Milwaukee Silent basketball team with Coach Tony Panella and Manager Philip Zola came to Kansas City March 2 for a return game with the KCCD team. Again the Milwaukee quintet was too powerful and took the game.

Accompanying the team were Larry Yolles (1st vice-pres. of the NAD) and Mrs. Harry Kristal. Larry was the guest of Fred Murphy while Mrs. Kristal (nee Esther Flappan) visited her sister-in-law Mrs. Philip Goldansky. Mrs. Kristal, a native Kansas Citian, hadn't been home for nine years and was kept busy meeting old friends. Driving down from Milwaukee were Samuel Riege, Warren Riege, Robert Turlock, and James Long. The visitors all enjoyed the hot supper served at the KCCD under the chairmanship of Mrs. Grace Wolfe, (a product of the Wisconsin School) and after the game, returned to the club for the party and dance.

The climax of the party was the awarding

of the TV. Winner was little Danny Gotting, five-year-old son of the Bernard Goettings. Danny had purchased two tickets with his allowance, strange as it seems, and when being told the 16-inch Bendix Table Model was his, his reply was, "You are crazy!"

Not to be forgotten are the John O'Connors and the Alvin O'Connors, all of Blaine, Kans., who came up for the affair. The John O'Connors were guests of Miss Catherine Kilcoyne while the younger O'Connors were guests of the Albert Stacks—all of nearby Olathe, Kans.

February 16 was a big day for the basketball fans of Missouri. The KCCD team journeyed to St. Louis for the state play-off and walked away with the game 61-36. A big party at the St. Louis Silent Club followed. Those from Kansas City making the trip were the Don Hydes, the Milan Butlers, the Herman Vincents, the Charles Wolfes, the Coy Sigmans, the Sylvester Bocks, the Bob Hambels, Vincent Weber, Wallis Beaty, Albert Stack, Paul Curtis, Clinton Coffey, Hugh Stack, Mrs. Florence Stack, Peggy Stack, June Nininger, Don Cox, Elwood Higgins, and Andy Garrett. Joe Carrioco joined the team in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stack had as visitors February 11, Virginia's two sisters of Pittsburgh, Kan.

NORTH DAKOTA . . .

Congratulations are in order for Arthur Miller, veteran linotype operator on the *Cavalier Republican* of Landon, N. D. Arthur took recent examinations at the International Typographical Union, passing with the greatest of ease.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were dinner guests of Mrs. Russel Ullvott in Langdon the other Sunday in company of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hinnant of Cando. Mrs. Ullvott will be remembered as Verna Welsh. She and her hearing husband, Russel, have five offspring which keep Verna mighty busy.

Georgia Warner and Kent Elstad, students at the school in Devils Lake, were selected to attend the recent Student Institute at Gallaudet College. They returned to Devils Lake February 3 reporting an interesting trip and told of meeting many former North Dakotans in Washington.

Ernest Langenberg, Devils Lake, is becoming quite restless waiting for the snows to melt so that he can begin fishing again. Ernest is an avid fisherman, has caught several huge specimens, and at one time his photograph appeared in the local papers showing a large pike he had hooked.

Elgene Nelson of Minot, recently completed a business course and has hopes of securing employment in Bismarck at an early date. Friends wish her all the luck in the world.

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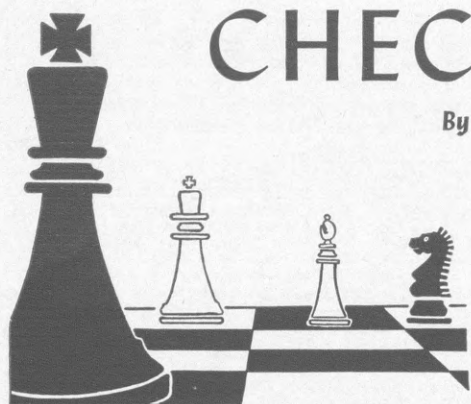
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It would be absurd for us to attempt to introduce Troy E. Hill for he is known to nearly every deaf person in these United States. However, it may surprise many to know that Mr. Hill is also a chess player of repute, even if he



Emil S. Ladner

has been out of competition for many years. He is now re-summing chess as far as his many other activities will allow him time. As for his life and chess career we will let Troy tell you in his inimitable style:

"Lost my hearing at six years from measles, whooping cough, scarlet fever, falling off a hay stack, having a rock dropped on my head while in swimming, or because I experimented with a railroad torpedo with a hammer. All these things combined might be the reason. No one knows, since the family didn't find out I was deaf until I was fifteen years old and had wasted nine years trying to get by in public school. Entered the Texas School for the Deaf in 1911, was graduated in 1915, took one term at Gallaudet College in the fall of 1916. Quit because I couldn't find anything there that would help me, since I already had a thorough business college training and wanted to study law. Went to Akron to work for Goodyear a couple of years, U. S. Civil Service another couple of years. Returned home to Dallas, coached at the Texas School for three years, and have been in politics for the remaining 31 years. Studied law six years and, although not a licensed attorney, have tried many cases for the deaf, and interpreted many more for them.

"Married the former Geneva Florence, Gallaudet '32 and M.A. degree '35, and we have one child, Linda Ailneen Hill, now eight.

"Began to play chess in the YMCA back in the early twenties but never kept any scores of my games. Play two or three times a week with Eduards Laivins, our displaced man in Dallas, and manage to win about one out of ten games from him. He's been playing since a

youngster and says he ranked seventh in Latvia before he came to America."

We asked Troy to join the second national tournament for the deaf and he is giving a try in spite of his many other duties. His comments on postal chess are worth repeating here:

"I believe I was the first deaf person to engage in such a contest (chess by mail). Back in the winter of 1931 I stayed with the late Jimmie Meagher in Chicago while on a lecture and movie tour. Jimmie and I got started on chess and played 'way into the small hours of the morning with Jimmie winning every game. He was a past master at taking your mind off what you were doing by his facial expressions and offside remarks. So when I got home, I wrote and challenged him to a game by mail, feeling sure I could beat him when I couldn't see him . . . later on a newspaper reporter saw me setting up the moves at my desk in the Courthouse and made an article of it that went all over the world . . . to make a long story short, the write-up caused me to be swamped with offers to play by mail and at one time I was playing some 40 odd persons spread from Hamilton, Ontario, to San Francisco. My three deaf opponents were Meagher, Douglas Tilden, and George W. Veditz. Out of the forty odd games, I lost two. Defeated Meagher on the 65th move, beat Tilden in 43 moves, and Veditz and I called it a draw after playing about thirteen months. All in all, it was a lot of fun."

We regret that Troy could not find the scores of the games with his deaf opponents as they would certainly be worth reproducing in this column. Meanwhile we shall see how Troy makes out against the younger generation.

The sudden passing of Mr. Michael Cohen on March 10 was a great shock to his many chess friends and a great loss to the world of chess as well. Mr. Cohen was a fine player and gentleman and we all regret his passing from amongst us. For him the Game of Life is ended. He played it well, and in passing, has left behind his Score for us to emulate.

To his widow and four children, we extend our deepest expressions of sympathy.

Sam Bean Beats Champion

Here is the game in which Sam Bean, the deaf and blind chess expert, defeated R. E. Russell, city champion of Sacramento, California. The occasion was the chess match between Pittsburg and Sacramento, a Central California Chess



TROY E. HILL

League match, on December 9, 1951. Sam played Board No. 1 for Pittsburg. Mr. Russell, in submitting the score for publication had this praise for Sam's playing: "After my ill-advised decision to sacrifice a pawn in order to obtain complications, when I thought my chances were good, Mr. Bean certainly surprised me with his refusal to err. 'Twas my first meeting with him, though he is, of course, an amazing institution of California chess. If you have the opportunity you may repeat to him that I greatly admire his play."

The exclamation marks for strong moves and question marks for weak moves were made by Mr. Russell himself. The other comments are by Mr. H. S. Lansing, Mr. Bean's close friend, and an excellent player in his own right.

White: R. E. Russell.

Black: Samuel W. Bean.

RUY LOPEZ

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|------------|-------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 | 18. N-Q5 | NxN |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 | 19. PxN | P-B3! |
| 3. B-N5 | P-QR3 | 20. B-KR4 | BxP |
| 4. B-R4 | N-B3 | 21. N-Q2 | B-B2! (a) |
| 5. O-O | P-QN4 | 22. P-KB4 | KR-K1 |
| 6. B-N3 | B-K2 | 23. BPxP | QPxP |
| 7. R-K1 | P-Q3 | 24. B-N3 | B-QN5 |
| 8. P-QB3 | O-O | 25. KR-Q1 | BxN |
| 9. P-KR3 | N-QR4 | 26. RxB | Q-N3 |
| 10. B-B2 | P-QB4 | 27. Q-N4 | R-B2 |
| 11. P-Q4 | BPxP | 28. R(2)QB2 | R(2)K2 |
| 12. PxP | Q-B2 | 29. B-B2 | Q-N2 |
| 13. N-QB3? | B-N2 | 30. PxP | RxP |
| 14. B-N5 | QR-B1 | 31. Q-B3? | B-Q4 |
| 15. QR-B1 | N-B5 | 32. BxN | PxB |
| 16. Q-K2 | NxNP | 33. Q-KN3 | R-N4 |
| 17. B-N3 | N-B5 | 34. Resigns (b) | |

(a) There are eight pieces attacking and defending the knight, which Sam must hold. His reply allows the pawn also to move up to defend, and if needed, in two moves Sam could have added still another piece the KR. What a battle at this point!

(b) The end is magnificent! None of Sam's pieces are in enemy territory. His long range heavy artillery forces the Queen to flee, leaving the Black Queen,

Rook, and Bishop bearing down on a pawn defended only by the King. I don't remember ever seeing a game ended by such a distant attack.

Editor's comment: the foregoing game certainly gives an excellent gauge of Mr. Bean's chess ability and proof of his ranking as chess expert.

The solution to last month's end game: White to move and win as follows 1. N-Q3 which allows Black only two possible moves: P-R7 or K-R7, both of which lose. If K-R7; 2. NxP check, K-R8; 3. K-B1, P-R7; 4. N-B2 mate. If 1 . . . P-R7; 2. P-R4! PxP; 3. NxP, P-R6; 4. K-B1, P-R7; 5. N-B2 mate. The win was overlooked in actual play and the game abandoned as a draw. After some three hours, the contestants had worn out their brains!

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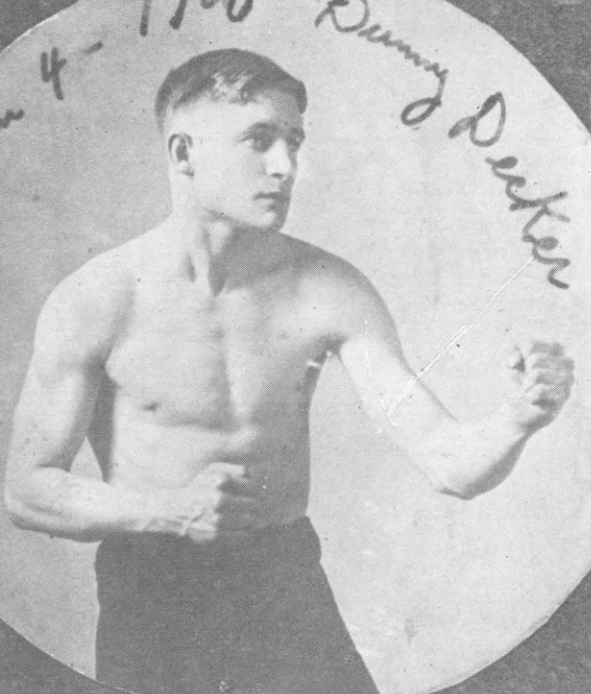
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"Dummy" Decker (William O. Dilsworth in private life), who was an important cog in the welterweight machine of his time.

Editor's Note: The author of "THE DUMMY DECKER STORY" is a native of Huntington, West Virginia, and one of four children of deaf parents, Samuel, Sr., of Providence, R. I., and Goldia Fitch McCarthy of Ashland, Ky., both deceased.



S. N. MCCARTHY, JR.

Sam attended an oral school for the deaf and St. Joseph's High School, both in Huntington, W. Va. While at the high school he starred in basketball. After graduating in 1938 he won a scholarship to Gallaudet College, but declined it in the last minute as he decided to study for mechanical engineering at Marshall College and West Virginia University, but did not finish due to lack of funds.

Now in his thirties, McCarthy has been steadily employed the past eight years by the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Co. in Baltimore as a tool designer in the Tool Engineering Dept. He is married and has one son 4 years old. His wife was Marie Moyd of Baltimore.

Sam has a hard-of-hearing sister, Eleanor, who received her M.A. degree from the University of Michigan and is the wife of Henry J. Reidelberger (Gallaudet '38). Both are now teaching at the Florida School for the Deaf in St. Augustine.

McCarthy is one of the shining lights of the Baltimore deafdom, having been secretary of the Baltimore Division No. 47, NFSD, for six years, secretary of the Silent Oriole Club, and a member club of the AAAD. He also played basketball for the latter club until a broken ankle sidelined him five years ago.

The Dummy Decker Story

By Samuel Noble McCarthy, Jr.

AFTER SEEING A NEWSPAPER clipping on the bulletin board at the Baltimore's Silent Oriole Club; as quoted:

Question—Are there any deaf boxers besides Gene Hairston? By Raymond Miller, 811 South 19th St.

Answer—Local boxing men could think of no other deaf now active. A check on almost 4,000 fighters listed in the Ring Book would take a long time.

Well remembered by the oldsters were two able-fisted deaf welterweights—Dummy Decker and Silent Martin. Decker was good enough to get a 15-round draw with welter champ-to-be Jack Britton in 1910. Martin had a no-decision ten with Britton in 1916.

This was clipped from "Any More Questions" column of the Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin* for August 2, 1951, which induced me to inquire more about this Baltimore's "Dummy Decker."

Many younger deaf people who read the above clipping at the clubroom did not know that this "Dummy Decker" is the same 65 years old, white-haired William O. Dilsworth whom they have known and seen so often at many deaf gatherings in Baltimore. Some would encounter him saying, "I didn't know you were a boxer." At that point, the other older deaf men would step in and start reminiscing about him as one of the greatest deaf boxers in the past century, and that he would have been welterweight champion of the world if he had not retired from the ring too soon. One of the deaf old timers also added that the reason the young American deaf knew little of him is that Decker is "publicity-shy" and hardly brags about himself.

When I volunteered to write this story about him in *THE SILENT WORKER*, he was very cooperative in arranging interviews with me where he could supply data of his boxing days. When the time for the interview came, I expected him to bring a big, bulging album full of clippings, but I was wrong—he never saved them. He gave me the following story from his memory, which is an excellent one for anyone at his age.

Decker left the Maryland School for the Deaf at the age of 14 years old to go to work. He became interested in boxing through the late Benny Riley, a retired bantamweight prizefighter who was a neighbor of his in West Baltimore.

Riley, a hearing man, noticed Billy Dilworth's talent as a good boxing prospect after seeing him whipping the neighborhood bullies; he took interest in the bloody-nosed Billy by training him for two years before entering him in preliminary bouts at the age of 17. Riley gave him his famous ring name, "Dummy Winfield Decker."

A year later, Dummy Decker was hired as a sparring partner for the famous colored fighter, Joe Gans, who soon worked his way to the world's lightweight championship in 1907. As Gans was famous for his beautiful and crafty cat-like foot work, Dummy gained valuable experience from him, thus becoming one of the few boxers who could nearly imitate Joe Gans' fine foot work. Decker could never forget Gans as a very considerate and capable instructor, and still points to him as the greatest boxer he has ever seen. Gans was dethroned by Battling Nelson after a 19-round bout in California. After entering the pro ranks in the following year, Gans guided Decker to avenge Nelson by getting the best of him in a no-decision 15-round bout at the famous Old Monumental Theatre in Baltimore in 1909.

Dummy Decker did very well in the boxing world for the next ten years as he took part in a little less than 125 bouts, losing a little more than a mere dozen. He was a lightweight performer until he became a welterweight in 1911. In fact, he was a champion in both classes; dethroning Harry "Kid" Seager as the lightweight champion of the South, and later beating Terry McGraw for the welterweight championship of the South. Witnessing the championship fight with "Kid" Seager in the ringside seats were the two "also famous" deaf baseball players while doing an exhibition game in Baltimore, "Dummy" Hoy and "Dummy" Taylor. The other famous deaf ball player, "Dummy" Leitner of Baltimore, was out of town that day.

A few of the many renowned old time boxers that Decker fought were: Jack Britton (twice), Johnny Dohan, K.O. Brown, Bert Keyes, Battling Nelson, Kid Sullivan, Tommy Lowe, Al



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DES MOINES WINS

The basketball team representing Des Moines, Iowa, Silent Club, won the national AAAD championship in the tournament at Houston, Texas, March 29, turning back the Golden Tornadoes from New York 66 to 63.

This was the second straight championship victory for Des Moines, the first time in the history of the national tournaments that a team has won in two successive years. Des Moines also became the first team to win the championship three times. The only other team to repeat was Buffalo, N.Y., in 1945 and 1948.

The Los Angeles team, always a strong tournament entry, finished third.

Other teams in the tournament, and the order in which they finished were: Houston, Washington, D.C., Little Rock, Ark., Milwaukee, Wis., and Oakland, Calif.

Schumacher (Yale student), Fighting Dick Kelly, Jeff Doherty, Jack McCartney, Soldier Burns, Terry McGraw, Harry "Kid" Seager, Young Jack Monroe, Fighting Jack Kennedy, Tommy Murphy, Young Mack, Soldier Dorbett, Billy Coster, and many others.

Dummy Decker was once billed to appear in London as the challenger against Freddie Welch, who was then the world's welterweight champion in 1912, and also was scheduled to go on a year's tour throughout Europe after the bout in London. But he forfeited the tour for his wife's sake as World War I was then brewing in Germany under the Kaiser's regime. It was said by several boxing writers that he had a big chance to beat Welch and bring home the bacon. Decker said that he had never regretted declining the European tour as he thought immensely of his wife and family. Also, he didn't think that the trip would be profitable.

One of his biggest thrills of his boxing days is that he encouraged "Spider" Webb to quit his blacksmithing job to go into training with him and learn boxing fundamentals from him. This 18-year-old Webb followed his advice, and worked his way up as a prizefighter and later as the boxing instructor at the United States Naval Academy at nearby Annapolis, where he has been for more than thirty years.

Decker was knocked out only twice in his boxing career, one of which KO's was given him inside the ring by "Kid" Sullivan with a lucky punch. The other one happened outside the ring. It was the time he was kicked by a cow from which he tried to steal milk while on a road run to Elliott City (15 miles west of Baltimore). It resulted in the big-

gest black eye in boxing history, probably. He often wished that he could hit back if the cow hadn't been a lady.

He used to stop at slaughter houses while on a road run to drink a pint of beef blood to build up his energy and strength. The slaughter houses are now forbidden to give or sell beef blood for drinking purposes. Up to the present time he still eats raw meat whenever he has a chance; but his wife hides the ground beef in the back part of the refrigerator before he gets home from work.

Decker is married to the former Katherine Martini, a pretty deaf brown-eyed Baltimore belle. They celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary last June 13th quietly at their home at 817 Mt. Holly Street, Baltimore 29, Md. They had four children, of whom two are still living. Besides a married daughter, Mary of Baltimore, they have a son employed in the Post Office in Atlanta, Georgia, who was decorated with several medals along with a Purple Heart in the World War II.

After retiring from the ring in 1917, Decker worked in a munition factory in Baltimore for a few years during World War I. Since then, he has been employed by the Western Maryland Dairy the past 29 years as a repairer on milk crates. He has continued working there after reaching 65 years of age last January 12th.

He and his wife are one of the most active couples among the older deaf people. They hardly miss any of the deaf gatherings, and give their help on committees for many of the church activities with the Catholic Deaf of Baltimore, Inc., also for the Baltimore Division No. 47, NFSD, and the Silent Oriole Club. Decker attends all the meetings regularly. He would have been one of the charter members of the Baltimore Frats if he had not been rejected by the Home Office as a bad risk because of his boxing career. In the meantime, he encouraged several young deaf men to join the Frats before joining it himself after leaving the ring three years later. Since then, he held several offices and chairmanships for many of their fine socials.

Decker is still enjoying excellent



William O. Dilworth as he is today at 65, and his wife. They have been married for 41 years.

health as he was never ill (except for a few colds) and shows no signs of being "punch drunk." Again, credit goes to his old instructor, Joe Gans, who taught him the art of protecting his face and head. Gans told him not to waste his time and effort in protecting his ears as they were already stone deaf; thus, he still has cauliflowers on both ears. A broken nose is the only other battling scar noticeable on his face. He also has several scars hidden inside his lips and mouth. He also had two broken ribs.

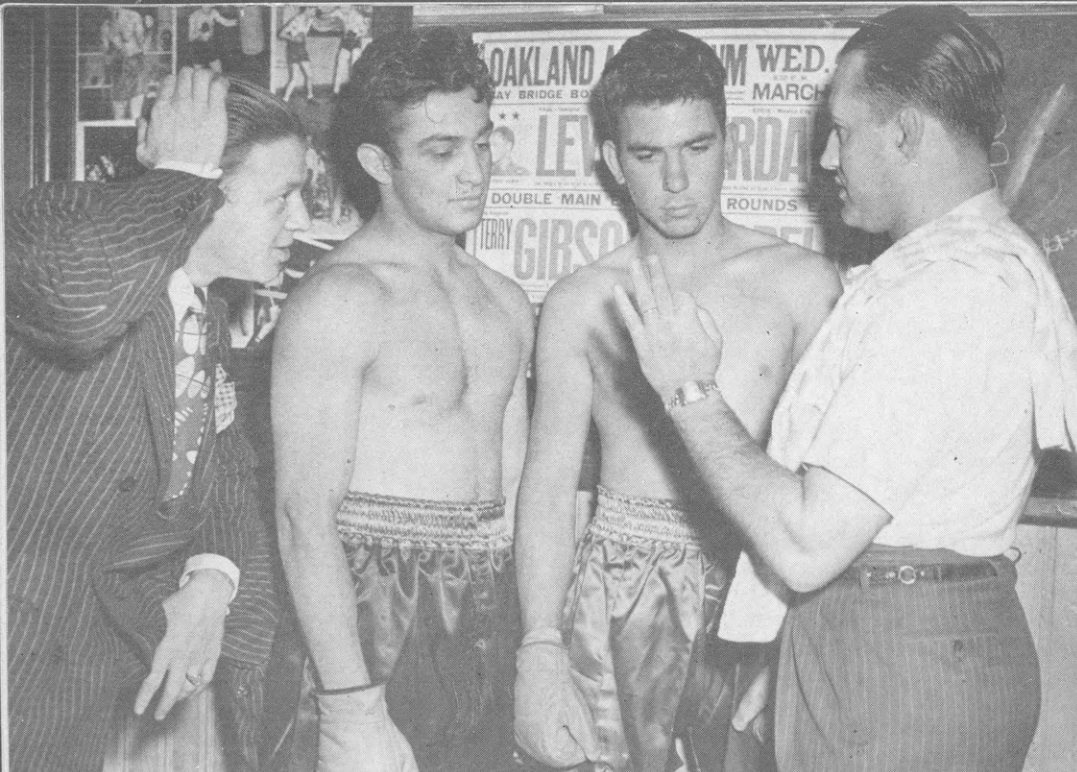
He is one of the most ardent boxing fans in Baltimore, and a familiar sight on television while sitting in the ring-side seats at local bouts. He is one of the earliest admirers of Gene Hairston, the rising young colored deaf boxer, and never misses any of his fights shown on television. Dilworth (or better known as "Decker") believes that Gene is a very good fighter. As he has never seen Gene Hairston in person, he is looking forward to meeting him, and he will probably give him some pointers which he received from his immortal idol, the late Joe Gans.

Golden Tornadoes Cagers Set Scoring Mark

Golden Tornadoes Athletic Club of New York City, the nation's highest scoring deaf basketball club, fattened its production average February 10th with a terrific scoring show in defeating Pelicans Social and Athletic Club of the Deaf of Brooklyn, N. Y., 100-92, in the finals of the sixth annual basketball tournament of the New York Athletic Association of the Deaf.

The 100-point scoring established a new NYAAD record. This was its second 100-plus victory of the season, the GTAC cagers having defeated Fairfield County Club of the Deaf of Stamford, Conn., in an exhibition game, 112-69. The Pelicans, by the way, had a 100-plus scoring outburst during the season when they buried North Jersey Silent Club of Paterson, N. J., 123-58.

Complete results of eighteen AAD sanctioned basketball tournaments will be printed in the May number of THE SILENT WORKER.



Harold Siegel, extreme left, a California clothier, sponsored Escobar and Pate. Escobar, second from left, and Pate here listen to instructions from their trainer as they prepare for a bout.

Silent, But their Fists Talk

By Robert George Guerre

AMONG THE DEAF boxing fans in the world there was a great deal of cheering when Lloyd Escobar and Leroy Pate stepped in the ring to start their first professional fights. It was something that we shall never forget—the way they



ROBERT G. GUERRE

slugged and boxed. All of their bouts were climaxed by their great shouting in the ring. It is unusual for two deaf to be stablemates and they were very popular with the fans around the Bay Area. They were the cause of the wild shouting of thousands of thrilled fans. Win or lose, the fans were always for them.

In private life, Escobar and Pete are gentle fellows who smile often. As pu-

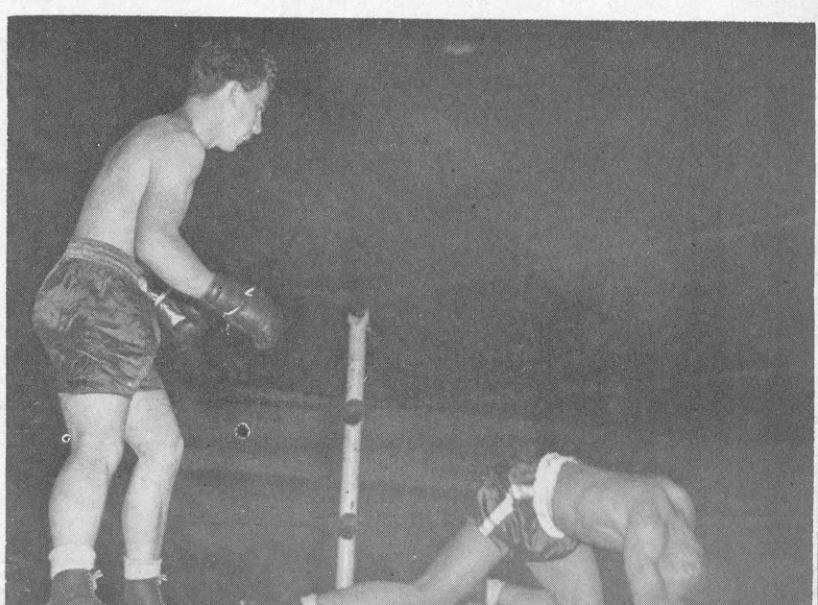
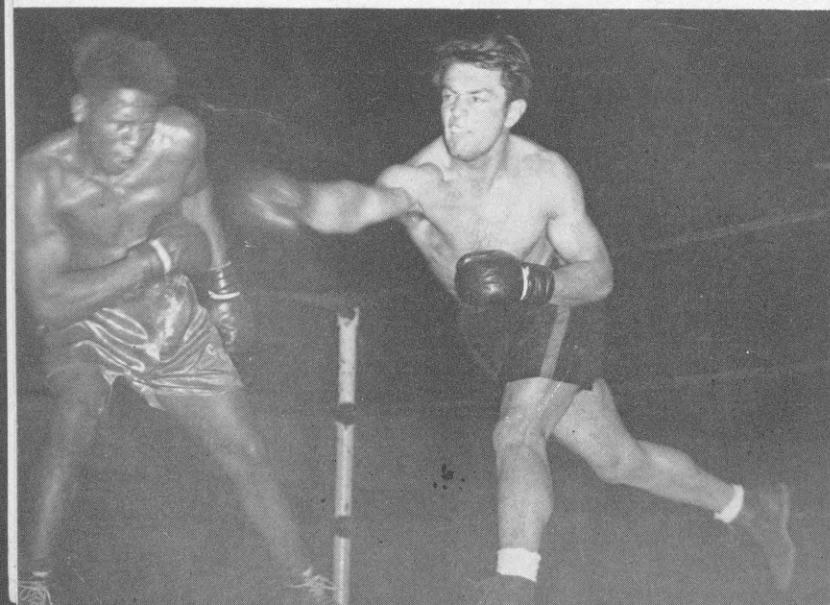
pils at the California School for the Deaf, they starred in athletics, but fighting fascinated them and their burning ambition was to become pugilists of consequence.

Just before the outbreak of the Second World War, in Berkeley, California, they started as amateur boxers. After fighting a few amateur bouts, they decided to participate in a Golden Gloves tournament. Leroy Pate was put in a novice class because his record showed that he had a few fights. He nabbed the championship in a hard way. As for Lloyd Escobar, a few days before the start of the tournament, he was injured in the warehouse where he was doing war work and that let him out. However, it did not disappoint him, and he and Pate decided to turn professional fighters. Their becoming pro started echoes of AH's and OH's around the Bay Area.

Silent Escobar was a fighter who could hit like a pile driver and he became a superfighter of the ring. He did not know how to take it easy and we still marvel at the way he could hit. A tragedy in the ring tortured his fighting heart and he hung up his gloves for good. Had it not happened, he would be going places with his dynamite-packed fists. Silent Pate was strictly a boxer who had speed and cunning. His lightning right knocked out several opponents and also floored almost every fighter he faced.

Silent Escobar had only a few amateur fights before he entered the professional ring. Money and his prowess with his fists tempted him to be a professional fighter. He won nine straight bouts and most of them were stopped in two or three rounds because his ruggedness in the ring proved too much for his opponents. Escobar was tough and a slugger, but his manager did not seem to understand what the experts did. Escobar lacked the art of boxing in its finest points. As a rule it takes time to acquire the boxing skill that one has to have before he can be a main eventer. Thus Escobar lost his first main event fight by running into a roundhouse swing and was knocked out. The strange part of it was that his mother saw her first prize fight then and watched her son knocked into unconsciousness. It disappointed him and he retired temporarily. After making a comeback, he met a Negro named Brooker Washington who had a good fighting record. Unknown to Escobar, it was to be his last fight. The tragic fight was a bristling affair, with Washington several times warned by the referee for low punching. Finally Escobar, enraged by low punching, swung a pair of blows which hit the mark solidly and they dropped Washington like a pole-axed steer. He hit the floor with a jarring thud which could be heard throughout the arena, and silence descended on the arena. He was taken unconscious to a hospital and died a few hours later. After hearing of the tragic news the next day, Escobar donated his purse from the fight to the widow of the

Left, Lloyd Escobar punches out a decision over Cupid Gordon. Here Gordon wins after receipt of one of Escobar's jarring right-hand blows. Right, Leroy Pate in one of his knockout victories over a Negro fighter.



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2. Tucson
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2. Boise
3. San Francisco

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1. Washington
2. Birmingham
3. Winston-Salem

Southwest

1. Little Rock
2. Dallas
3. Jackson

Central

1. Milwaukee
2. Chicago
3. South Bend

Eastern

1. Golden Tornadoes
2. Pittsburgh
3. Providence

Midwest

1. Des Moines
2. Omaha
3. Kansas City

dead fighter and hung up his gloves. It was a sad end to Escobar's career.

Silent Pate had been doing pretty well fistically during these days. Once he was knocked down, he would get up and become the aggressor. One of the most thrilling bouts ever witnessed by the fans was a fight between Pate and Kid Larry. It was a spectacle of Mutt and Jeff, with violence. Pate was game and he slugged it out with a tall, long-armed Negro. After the fight, he was awarded a decision over the giant, but for that victory he was badly beaten up, as was his opponent. Pate was known to have an iron jaw. The opponents could deck him, but could not keep him down for the full count. In one fight he was knocked out cold, but somehow he got up and fought sub-consciously and finally knocked out his man. After he left the ring, I went up to congratulate him, but it seemed that he did not know what it was all about, so I explained what he did and how he won, but he kept on saying, "Did I win?" After repeating the question several times, he came to his senses and found out what had happened.

It is probable there never were pugilists in the history of Bay Area boxing who could claim such a completely personal following as Lloyd Escobar and Leroy Pate. Every card on which they appeared attracted hundreds of their friends and admirers. They were a credit to the fighting game and to the deaf in general.

Top picture shows the champions of the Dixie Bowling Association meet held in Atlanta in October. This is the Atlanta "A" team. Left to right: Douglas Hitchcock, Don Turner, Henry Oaks, Mack Padgett, Lee Cole. Bottom, participants in the first annual tourney. First row, Miami; Second row, Atlanta Div. 28, NFSD; Third row, Birmingham Silents; Fourth, Jacksonville. Fifth, Atlanta "A"; and, rear, Atlanta Club of the Deaf.

Dixie Bowlers Set for Birmingham Meet

Teams representing the Dixie Bowling Association of the Deaf are making ready for their second tournament, to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, during the third week of April.

The Dixie Association is a new bowling organization, having held its first tournament at Atlanta, Georgia, last October. The Association came into being after several years of matches among teams in the Southland. Miami and Jacksonville, Florida, had been vieing with each other for high team, singles, and doubles pinfall. Atlanta and Birmingham had been doing the same.

The two-team tournaments between Miami and Jacksonville soon attracted widespread attention, and in 1950 seven teams converged on Jacksonville for a tournament, although it was not an ABC sanctioned meet. Prior to the 1950 rolling, the bowlers had chosen the name,

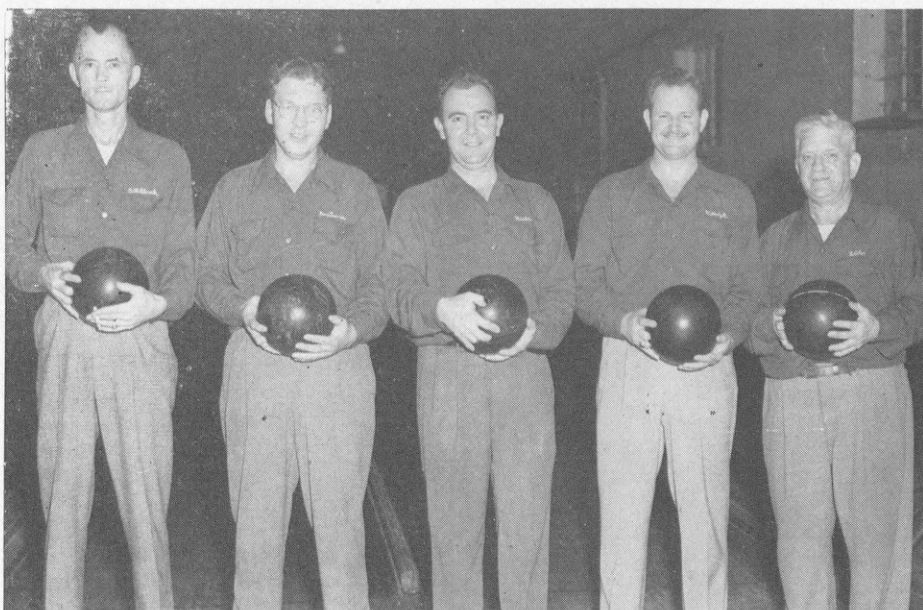
Southeastern Bowling Association of the Deaf and decided to have all future tournaments under ABC sanction.

At the October meet, the name was changed to the Dixie Association and by-laws were adopted. This was the first tourney under the ABC, and the teams represented Atlanta, Birmingham, Miami, and Jacksonville.

The Atlanta "A" team carried off team honors, and H. Dannis, of Birmingham, took the all-events and singles. Two-man high went to Pollock and Samples, of Jacksonville. M. Padgett, Atlanta "A", took high scratch game with a nice 222.

Officers of the Association for the past year have been Charles M. McNeilly, Jr., of Miami, president; J. T. Hicks, Jacksonville, vice-president; and Henry Oaks, Atlanta, secretary-treasurer.

—S. B. Rittenberg.



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Aug., '51	48,818.91
July, '51	46,786.61
June, '51	43,944.45
May, '51	43,496.66
April, '51	41,868.86
March, '51	40,315.17
Feb., '51	40,315.17
Jan., '51	39,738.17
Dec., '50	38,987.19
Nov., '50	37,746.99
Oct., '50	36,693.49
Sept., '50	35,553.49
Aug., '50	34,751.49
July, '50	34,048.55
June, '50	32,108.35
May, '50	31,392.35
Apr., '50	29,699.24
Mar., '50	25,133.44
Feb., '50	33,454.55
Jan., '50	23,898.44
12-31-49	23,216.44
6-30-49	21,896.44
1946	14,752.82
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1934	15,116.90
1930	11,151.20
1926	8,365.05
1923	5,387.89
1920	3,510.99
1918	2,878.04
1917	1,592.03
1915	979.04
1913	228.00
1907	28.51

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Report From the N.A.D. Endowment Fund Headquarters:

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An increase of \$4130 in totals over last issue's totals . . . and 43 new Life Members.

The \$3000 contributor—A. Zygoma—expressed a desire that his donation be anonymous and explained where he got that name. His dictionary has A as the first word and Zygoma the last.

The Great Falls Silent Club of Montana secretary wrote:

"The Great Falls Silent Club recently voted to make another donation to the NAD Endowment Fund. Although the Club is purely social and its treasury is rather small, it is the pride of the Club to contribute money to the NAD for its good purpose . . . We hope that our club will be listed in The Century Club in the near future . . .

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
The Great Falls Silent Club
Signed: Gladys Younggren,
Secretary"

Thanks much. The Great Falls Silent Club . . . the NAD has no doubt that you will achieve your goal.

Herman S. Cahen of Cleveland is continuing to enlist Century Club members—his latest mail brought five new ones with a promise of more later. Orchids to Herman.

The NAD educational pamphlets are continuing to be "best sellers" and orders for the NAD matches with a message aimed against the peddling racket are coming in fast.

Here's an incident that occurred recently in Cleveland . . . a fellow wrote that he was eating in a restaurant one day when an attractive girl—18-19 years old—entered and started peddling alphabet cards. When she came to him, he asked her whom she was working for and other questions. She replied that she was working for herself and before she could give any more information, the manager of the restaurant had her leave the place. The writer found out that the manager had been advised of the deaf peddling evils via the article in one of the National Restaurant Association's monthly releases and the NAD's "Stop This Racket" leaflet. The gospel is spreading little by little . . . and before long the NAD will have remedied this despicable evil.

BE PREPARED . . . for the greatest NAD Convention ever . . . in Austin, Texas, on June 30 through July 6. This

is going to be an important one . . . the business meetings will be *very interesting* and of *vital importance* to the Deaf of North America. Plan now to be there.

LARRY N. YOLLES

Contributors to the Endowment Fund During the Month of February, 1952

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Rev. & Mrs. Henry Rutherford—\$10 in addition to \$10 contributed to date
Vancouver Chapter, Washington State Association of the Deaf—\$50
Mr. & Mrs. Lester R. Wickline—\$23
A. Zygoma—\$3000

Rally Planned for Toledo

Among the many NAD Rallies planned for the coming months is one to be held at Toledo, Ohio, on May 17, arranged by a committee composed of life members of the NAD. A program of good entertainment is promised, and it will include some good speakers.

Edward M. Hetzel is to be chairman of the affair. So remember the date and help boost the NAD Endowment Fund.

Cincy Pushing NAD Jubilee

Keep your eye on Cincinnati! Though 1955 is still a long way off, the interim committee for the Diamond Jubilee NAD Convention to be held there is hard at work laying the foundation of plans that will make this convention one that will still be talked about, even after the NAD's Centennial is gone and forgotten.

The latest meeting of this committee was held at the Hotel Sheraton-Gibson, which will be the '55 headquarters, on February 17, with Mrs. Harriet Duning presiding. LeRoy Duning, publicity chairman, gave an outline of plans for publicizing the coming convention in Austin this July. Plans were also made to send a delegation to the Austin Convention and, as is usually the case, considerable time was spent in discussing ways and means of raising money for

the big convention. Those attending the meeting were William "Dummy" Hoy, who never misses a meeting if he can help it; Elizabeth Bacheberle, James M. Judge, LeRoy Duning, Wm. Busby, Tony Mascari, Ada Mitchell, Wylie Ross, Fred O'Brien, Robert Hulley, George Klien, Hilbert Duning, Robert Uhrig, Harriett Duning, John and Della Welte, Hope and Virginia Porter, Paul Judy, Helen Healey, May Patterson, James Frazer, Margaret Kelly, Ruth Taylor, Ray and Edna Grayson and Miss Rosemary McHugh. Also present and taking a keen interest in the discussion, were Mrs. Wilson, mother of Harriet Duning, and Mrs. Elsie Marqua, chaperone, mentor, and fairy-godmother. Hope Porter, the transplanted Kentuckian, will be chairman of the banquet planned for 1955, assurance enough to all those who know him that the affair will be outstanding.

1952 Conventions

Below is a list of state and national conventions and sports tournaments scheduled for the coming spring and summer. These are all we have been able to find up to the time of going to press. If there are any other organizations to meet during the summer. THE SILENT WORKER will appreciate information.

- Louisiana Association of the Deaf, Baton Rouge, May 30-June 1.
- Florida Association of the Deaf, Orlando, June 12-14.
- Wisconsin Association of the Deaf, Delavan, June 12-15.
- Oregon Association of the Deaf, Salem, June 6-8.
- 27th Triennial Reunion, Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Assn., Columbus, June 13-15.
- Illinois School for the Deaf Alumni Reunion, Jacksonville, June 19-22.
- Montana Association of the Deaf, Helena, June 19-21.
- North Dakota Association of the Deaf, 12th Biennial Convention, Dickinson, June 20-22.
- Michigan Association of the Deaf, Grand Rapids, June 26-28.
- 22nd Triennial Convention, National Association of the Deaf, Austin, Texas, June 30-July 6.
- South Dakota Association of the Deaf, Watertown, July 4-6.
- Alabama Association of the Deaf, Talladega, July 3-5.

- Georgia Association of the Deaf, Augusta, July 3-5.
- Virginia Association of the Deaf, Lynchburg, July 3-5.
- Ontario Association of the Deaf, Toronto, July 9-12.
- 4th Biennial Convention, Christian Deaf Fellowship, Washington, D. C., Aug. 5-11.
- Empire State Association of the Deaf, Utica, N. Y., Aug. 28-31.
- Iowa Association of the Deaf, Burlington, Aug. 28-31.
- Nebraska Association of the Deaf, Scottsbluff, Aug. 29-31.
- Tennessee Association of the Deaf, Nashville, Aug. 29-31.
- Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Alumni Reunion, Pittsburgh, Aug. 29-Sept. 1.
- California Association of the Deaf, Oakland, Aug. 29-Sept. 1.
- Missouri Association of the Deaf, Columbia, Aug. 29-Sept. 1.
- 66th Annual Convention, Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, Philadelphia, Aug. 29-Sept. 1.
- New England Gallaudet Association, Springfield, Mass., Aug. 31- Sept. 2.

Sports Tournaments

- Dixie Bowling Association of the Deaf, 2nd Annual Tournament, Birmingham, Ala., April 18, 19, 20.
- Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association 16th Annual Tournament, Rochester, N. Y., April 18-20.
- 6th Annual Southwestern Deaf Bowling Tournament, Tulsa, Okla., May 3 and 4.
- Midwest Deaf Golf Association 5th Annual Tournament, Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 1-3.
- Central States Athletic Association of the Deaf Softball Tournament, Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 30-Sept. 1.

St. Louis Planning NAD Rally

The St. Louis, Mo., chapter of the Missouri Association of the Deaf is sponsoring a Rally Night May 3, 1952, at United Halls, 2354 LaFayette Avenue, for the benefit of the NAD Home Office Fund. The affair is to be chairmained by the local chapter's president, Raymond Halbach, who is receiving co-operation from most of the clubs for the deaf.

The Rally will begin at three o'clock in the afternoon. A stage show will be presented and some good speakers will

be present in the persons of Larry N. Yolles, George Gordon Kannapell, Fred R. Murphy, and others. The committee is striving to make this rally a really big affair. Attractive attendance prizes will be given.

Kuntze in Oakland Rally

In the picture-story of the Oakland, California, NAD Rally, which appeared in the February number, the name of Francis E. Kuntze was omitted as one of the participants on the program, which is regretted.

Mr. Kuntze came all the way from Sacramento to give a stirring rendition of a poem he had made up himself, paraphrasing the national hymn of France, "The Marseillaise." Entitled "Call to Action," Mr. Kuntze's recitation brought a lively end to a good program, and helped considerably in creating the enthusiastic response which brought in a total of \$1,171.00 to the NAD.

All Aboard for Austin

It has been suggested that groups from the larger cities might get together and arrange for special cars on trains to Austin, Texas, for the NAD convention. By doing so, they may be able to get rates. Anyone interested in getting up a special car should write to THE SILENT WORKER for information.

Membership and Contributions

In reply to numerous requests, we print here the NAD membership fees. Annual membership at present is one dollar, and life membership is ten dollars (\$10.00). Membership in the Century Club is one hundred dollars (\$100.00). State associations and other organized groups of the deaf may affiliate with the NAD by paying annual affiliation dues of ten dollars (\$10.00).

Contributions to the Endowment Fund, large or small, are gratefully accepted. Any deaf person contributing ten dollars or more automatically becomes a life member of the NAD.

All contributions should be sent to the Endowment Fund office of the association, payable to the National Association of the Deaf, and they should be addressed as follows:

National Association of the Deaf,
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Endowment Fund Contributions from Clubs, Assns., Schools and Sponsors of NAD Rallies

Binghamton (N.Y.) Civic Assn. of the Deaf N.A.D. Night	42.50	Merry-Go-Rounders	10.00
The Caravan Sunday School Class of Talladega, Alabama	8.75	Miami Society of the Deaf N.A.D. Night	20.00
Greater Cincinnati Silent Club N.A.D. Night	68.63	Milwaukee Silent Club N.A.D. Night	82.17
Columbus (Indiana) Pep Club N.A.D. Night	5.50	Northwestern Ohio Association of the Deaf	10.00
Dallas Silent Club N.A.D. Night	42.00	Rose City Club of the Deaf N.A.D. Night (Portland, Ore.)	24.75
District of Columbia Club of the Deaf N.A.D. Night	62.82	Scranton (Pa.) Association of the Deaf	5.00
Fetters' Reunion (Ohio)	20.30	Silent Athletic Club of Denver N.A.D. Night	22.60
Fort Worth N.A.D. Night	30.00	South Bend N.A.D. Night	37.83
Great Falls (Montana) Silent Club	30.00	South Bend Association of the Deaf Ladies' Club	18.60
Hartford (Conn.) Club of the Deaf N.A.D. Rally	50.00	South Dakota Association of the Deaf N.A.D. Rally	36.00
The Laro Club	5.00	St. John's School for the Deaf, Milwaukee	25.00
Little Rock Association For the Deaf	3.00	Toledo Deaf Motorists Club	10.00
Los Angeles Club N.A.D. Night	20.00	Union League of the Deaf	25.00

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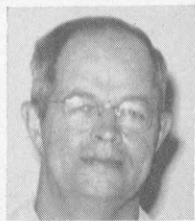
Question for this month:

What recommendations would you make to benefit the Silent Worker?

I am of the opinion that THE SILENT WORKER would make better reading if: it were not cast from much the same mould month after month; 2) it had more variety with fewer long drawn out articles; 3) it had more humor; 4) it had more well told experiences with pictures.

H. L. BAYNES, Talladega, Alabama

This is a hard question to answer by one who has had the run of a similar mill. Also, this is asking a gallery god to tell the performers how to strut their stuff. I think THE SILENT WORKER has as good a staff as any in the business. Mr. Burnes is tops as editor, and I don't think you can find a more astute



business manager than Harry Jacobs. And I'm sure the two have ransacked and still are ransacking every nook and cranny of the country to supplement their fine staff of helpers. They are even now overworked and do need help.

But since you put this question to me I suppose you expect a specific answer.

I'd suggest a special member on the staff (unless there's one already) who will contact one state organization or similar local organization after another for its mailing list of deaf members, and send to each one on the list a sample copy of THE SILENT WORKER and a form letter alluringly worded and printed asking for subscription to the magazine. Such member should make the rounds of all such organizations, and when exhausted, should start all over again. He might enlist the help of each organization's officer or officers with mimeographed letters from them to their members. The cost may be high at the start but returns should ultimately reward the effort.

This staff member should use some space in each issue of THE SILENT WORKER to continually drum up subscriptions, changing copy each issue. Don't ask the advertising manager to do this; he has his special job. If all newspapers and magazines do that to survive then why not THE SILENT WORKER.

TOIVO LINDHOLM, Los Angeles, Calif.

THE SILENT WORKER has progressed so rapidly as to indicate recommendations might be obsolete before coming to the editor's attention. One sugges-

tion, however, I would urge is that all contributors eliminate specific acrimonious comments. While such may be spicy reading, they magnify rather than solve problems. They make no converts. Their sharpness at once defeats any usefulness except the dubious satisfaction in knowing that we agree with ourselves. Another suggestion: We are a rapidly aging population. The study of geriatics is receiving increasing attention. Might THE SILENT WORKER conduct a department on adjustment of the deaf over 65?

BOYCE R. WILLIAMS,
Washington D.C.

I think the editors have turned out an exceptionally nice job when one considers just how little money is coming in from the deaf scattered all over the country. With more subscriptions, THE WORKER can do an even better job of selling the deaf to the entire country.

I think, though, that a State Association Department would be a good thing to feature. Each month, in alphabetical order, each state association would have a brief comment to make on problems coming up or of worthwhile accomplishments. This would give the deaf everywhere a pulse to feel. And I bet it will tell a lot to a lot of unbelievers!

The gist of this: more subscriptions, more money, a bigger and better SILENT WORKER.

W. T. GRIFFING, Sulphur, Okla.

As a rival publisher, if I were to make criticism the editors didn't like I would be accused of bias. but to be perfectly frank with you, I can at the present writing think of nothing to change in THE SILENT WORKER.

I believe it has a staff of well-trained writers, who are giving of their time and talents unselfishly, and I for one am satisfied with the magazine as it is.

TROY E. HILL, Publisher of
"The American Deaf News,"
Dallas, Texas

I should like to make the following suggestions for the stimulation of interest in and sale of THE SILENT WORKER:

A reference roster of all NAD committees with the names and addresses of the chairman (for a publication said to be the "official publication of the NAD," this is a must and should appear in every issue).

Keep pace with modern times by running monthly informative articles on

matters of daily importance to the deaf, such as:

Television — Arrange with TV companies for them to contribute advance announcements, interviews with illustrations, etc. of programs: the companies to supply their own cuts.

Hearing Aids — Offer to the many hearing aid firms the use of a page for an illustrated exposition giving history of their products—inventor, kind, etc. Have them handle inquiries regarding their products through a special column. Conditional: articles to appear at same time with a paid advertisement elsewhere in issue of their hearing aid.

Run a regular serial (NOT reviews) of successful novels and who-dun-its which feature the deaf in the plots. Each serial to follow an outline in a preceding issue on the author and what is known of his actual experience with the deaf (if author is still living, a doubly interesting article is assured). As readers will want to keep up with the "To be continued" stories, sale of the SW naturally would be stimulated.

Lively anecdotal biographies of

Famous people who achieved success and fame despite deafness (Edison, Gregg, Goya, Beethoven, Samuel Johnson, etc.)

Famous children of deaf parents (Menken, Chaney, etc.)

Deaf wives of famous men (Bell, Morse, Gallaudet, etc.)

To broaden interest, field of readers, and establish cordial non-competitive relations:

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